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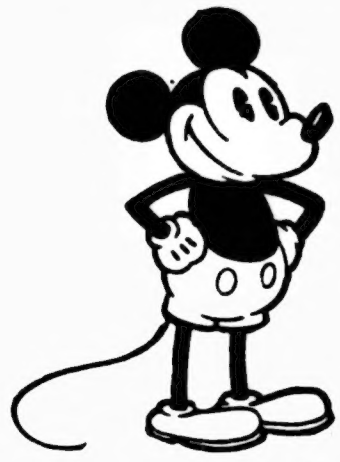

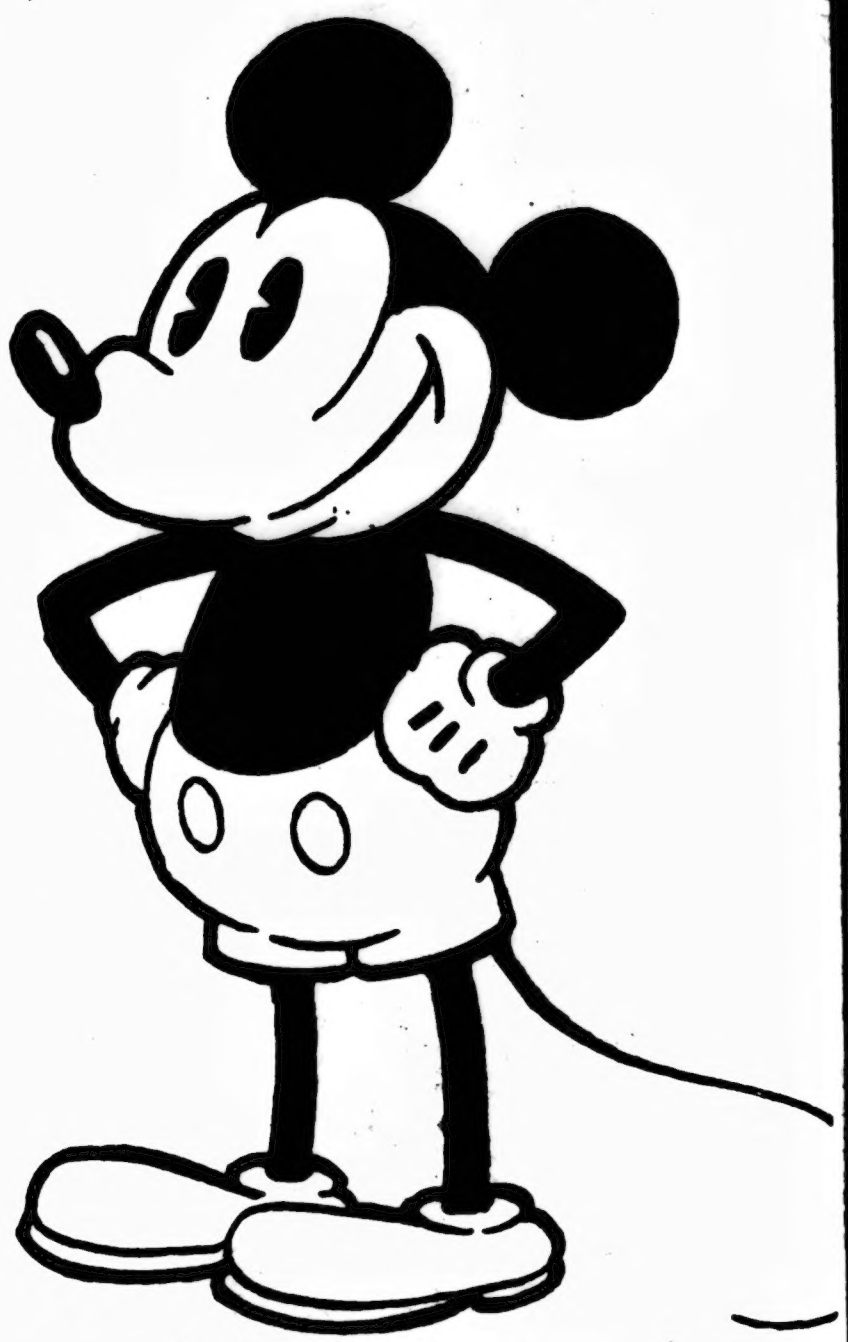

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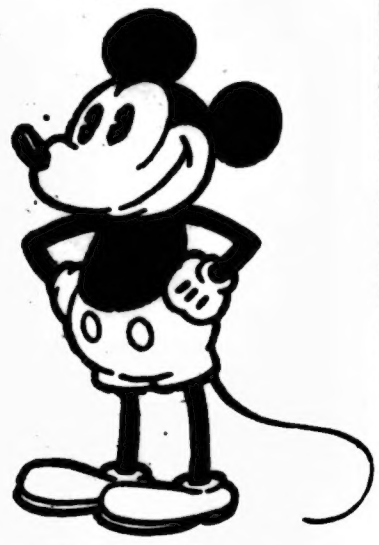

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Where the New Money will come from

Kitchener: the Last Word

Two New Judges?

IT is almost certain that the Big Five Banks will not be prepared to help the reorganisation of industry by investing capital in individual companies.

Their view is that, dealing with the money of many millions of depositors, it would not be correct banking practice for them to tie up this money more or less permanently, as they would do by taking shares in concerns which needed new capital.

Instead, the City's aid to industry is likely to come mainly from the Bank of England, in co-operation with the big private merchant banking-houses, which do not have deposit accounts, but obtain their finance through other national and international channels.

Coffin-ship conference

The International Load-Line Conference, which representatives from all maritime nations have been invited to attend in May next, will be a diplomatic affair held at the Foreign Office in London.

Whether it will succeed in establishing a universal load-line and prevent the overloading of our ships is a moot point.

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If this country is to reduce the freeboard of its ships to bring them into line with foreign vessels which, in the absence of Plimsoll marks, often load deeper, then the diplomatic conference had better not be held at all.

Kitchener

Here is one more theory of the Kitchener mystery which we give for what it is worth.

The *Hampshire* started on her ill-fated voyage four days after she had taken part in the Battle of Jutland. Even before that she had been on active service far longer than is customary, and lacked a thorough overhaul.

For shelter from the exceptionally rough weather, her captain decided to take the inner channel between the mainland and the Orkney Islands, in which are several sunken rocks.

Through the foulness of the ship's bottom, or possibly an engine-defect, the *Hampshire* may have hit one of these rocks.

In that case the Government would have striven to escape a public outcry at the use of an unfit vessel, and hence possibly the smuggling away of the survivors.

Now let the gallant dead rest in peace.

"Red" herrings

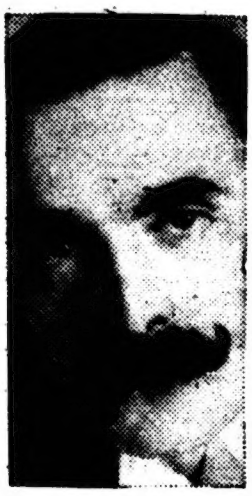
We sympathise with Mr. Henderson when he recently declared in the House of Commons that since October 29 he had answered 101 questions relating to the Soviet Union—forty-two of these being on Russian propaganda.

These questions were in no case helpful, nor did they throw any new light on the subject. For the most part this "atrocity" scare is a cynical propaganda effort, reminiscent of the Zinoviev affair.

M.P.s can devote themselves to more urgent problems nearer home than dangling "red" herrings before the Government and wasting valuable Parliamentary time.

Real service

We sincerely trust that the Prime Minister will view with favour the suggestion that the B.B.C. staff should be incorporated with the Civil Service.



Lord Clarendon, B.B.C. chairman, could assist

At present the Corporation is working on a ten years' licence as a State institution apart from the Civil Service.

We do not regard this thing mainly from the Service, but from the public point of view. That Civil Servants who are being dispensed with from other departments might find a job with British Broadcasting is all to the good.

But our main desire is to consolidate public control of what is at present an irresponsible corporation.

Bureaucracy is bad; but bureaucracy which need not answer for its deeds to the electorate is the worst of all.

What a chance!

Among 700,000 agricultural workers many are unemployed, but nobody—including the Government—knows how many.

Proposals are now being made for the inclusion of agricultural workers in the unemployment insurance scheme. But the Government is hampered in its efforts by the absence of exact knowledge as to the extent of unemployment in the industry.

And to think we have almost as many bureaucrats paid to collect statistics as there are farm workers!

A superfluous Bill

It is difficult to understand why the Advertisement Regulation (Amendment) Bill, which Major-General Sir Alfred Knox is presenting for a second reading on February 28, should have got so far.

Legislation already in force fully empowers local authorities to restrict the exhibition of any posters that are deemed to disfigure the countryside. Surely this is all that is to be desired?

To impose further unnecessary restrictions upon advertisers, thus limiting their facilities for boosting home products, would only help to swell unemployment.

Teeth bared

All the members of the Dental Control Council—which consists of representatives of the dental profession on the one hand and the approved societies on the other—have been sworn to secrecy with regard to a battle that is going on behind their closed doors.

The approved societies are demanding a reduction in the fees to dentists for the work among persons insured under the National Health Insurance Act.

The dentists are refusing to give up a single penny. They deny the approved societies' accusation that they are "trying to fix Harley Street dentists' prices for work carried out in the colliery districts."

Heel-taps

Leading British shoe companies are now suffering from a heavy fall in profits caused by the wholesale dumping of cheap shoes in the British market by a big Continental firm.

The latest move in this concern's campaign is to be the opening of a large number of shops in London and the provinces.

Re-birth of a paper

The *Daily Herald* is the miracle of British journalism. Again and again during the past its extinction for lack of funds has been prophesied. But the paper has gallantly struggled on under harassing handicaps and disadvantages.

On Monday, March 17, it will be transformed into a great national organ, the newspaper which is about to set new standards to its rivals. It will also offer its readers a £10,000 free insurance and other benefits, which will be unsurpassed by those offered by any other morning paper.

In a few months a wonderful organisation has been created, which is now being tuned up to make the new *Herald* Britain's best and livest paper.

The re-born *Herald* will give Labour the voice that it so imperatively needs.

Clear the road

There are very strong rumours in legal circles that the judicial Bench is to be strengthened by the appointment of two additional High Court judges.

This may sound a little strange at a time when so many people are discussing legal economies.

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Still, if it would really help to clear the present "traffic jam" in the courts, it would be welcomed in many quarters.

Not genuinely

The Conservative Members in the House of Commons are showing no enthusiasm in their alleged anxiety to get rid of the Labour Government.

On an average, the Tory Party is always a hundred short of its full voting strength in the division-lobbies, surely one of the clearest cases of "ca' canny" on record.

If the British workman was as slack at the job for which he is paid—and paid much less than £400 a year—these absentee M.P.s would be the first to denounce his scandalous laziness.

The great "come-back"

The amazing growth and prosperity of the German export trade proceeds triumphantly.

During the last three years Germany has increased the value of her exports by 50 per cent. The United States registers an increase over the same period of 17 per cent.

But there is some comfort for us. Even though we hold the World War baby, we have managed to bring our real exports up to 95 per cent. of our 1913 figure.

Germany, in spite of her miraculous progress, has reached only 87 per cent. of her 1913 real export figure.

Aided by a vast amount of American capital, however, there is every likelihood that Germany's percentage for 1930 will rise considerably over par.

Face values

The new British Embassy in Washington will shortly be finished. It will cost us exactly one million dollars.

Sir Ronald Lindsay is the building's new broom

Caustic comment possibly will be forthcoming on the style of this imposing residence. It is Queen Anne.

We are all in favour of the maintenance of national dignity abroad, but in hard times like the present we look for results from these magnificent dwellings spread over the face of the earth housing highly-paid diplomatic dignitaries.

Why not a system of paying ambassadors by trade results!

Less strap-hanging?

Railway companies are at last making a move in increasing the comfort of their rolling-stock.

They are now adapting the methods of the motor industry to the construction of railway coaches, and one company, the L.M.S., has already installed a system of constructing coaches on the endless-belt system at their Derby works.

This method will not only increase efficiency in construction, but should also add considerably to the comfort of passengers.

"IF YOU SEE IT"—*Continued*

Will go on

Since he began to direct attention in the House of Commons to injustices of industrial assurance by the big companies, Mr. W. Kelly, M.P., has been approached by a number of people who have tried to "sound" him as to what extent he proposes to persist with his campaign.

It is not possible, of course, to associate these soundings with any particular source—that is, unless the imagination is allowed to come into play.

But, whatever the source, Mr Kelly assures us that he means to keep pegging away until something more is done to get fair play for the working-class policy-holders.

Airway bluff

In return for permission to allow the British India Air Mail to traverse Italian territory and use Italian ports, Italy demands a pooling of receipts from all British air-traffic between the first Italian port and Egypt.

Italy has no jurisdiction over the section of the route to Egypt, yet such harsh and unfair terms would mean no profit on the Indian mail.

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Italy signed the Air Convention to encourage international co-operation in air-transport. The motive is either blatant airway robbery or sheer obstructionism.

What has the Air Ministry to say about it?

Bad dreams

A plan is on foot to find permanent accommodation for the League of Nations Union in the Imperial War Museum.

In favour

The Director-General of the Museum, Sir Martin Conway, M.P., is understood to be in favour of the scheme. He thinks it would be an excellent thing to point the moral of lectures on the need for peace by showing the audience on the spot, the grim means and the ghastly results of war.

There is a good deal to be said for Sir Martin's contention. But the brass-hats don't like it, and will make trouble.

Gas-bag leakages

Not content with the long delay that has occurred in completing the *R101*, the Air Ministry has now decided to cut this dirigible in half and reconstruct it so that it will be capable of increasing its load by a few tons.

Only now does the British public know about this; yet as long ago as December it was officially announced in other countries through the Rugby station of the British Wireless Service.

Why is such official information available to foreigners before the public of this country?

Heroes recognised

JOHN BULL called attention to the absence of recognition of the heroes of the British steamer *Manchester Regiment*, who in devastating seas saved forty-five lives from the sinking *Volumnia*.

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The protest was heard in the right place. The King has awarded silver medals for gallantry to the officers and men who manned the rescue-boat, while the Board of Trade has presented Second Officer W. H. Downing and Third Officer E. W. Aspley with binoculars, and monetary awards to the boat's crew.

The committee of Lloyds has given silver medals to the officers and bronze medals to the crew.

The Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society has awarded silver medals to all who manned the boat, illuminated votes of thanks and barometers to the officers, and a bit of cash to the men.

The owners of the *Volumnia* have given gold watches to the officers of the rescuing ship.

Drivel on the "dole"

A London evening paper printed a precious story the other day about a "porter" who told his employer that if he "chucked up his job" he would only get 6s. a week less from the "dole"—he had a wife and three children.

Of course, if he chucked up his job he would get nothing. But imagine an employer boasting that he paid a man with a family 36s. a week.

It is a pity that a great newspaper should open its columns to such nonsense.

Not bunny's fault

Many cases of dermatitis and other irritant skin diseases have been caused among fur-workers in this country owing to the importation of badly finished skins.

The Fur Trade Organiser of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers has been asked to go to an International Congress at Leipzig to persuade his furrier comrades in other countries to do all they can to get a more thorough inspection of skins.

Dyed rabbit-skins (known as "coney") imported here are said to be particularly bad. The pelts often have not been properly fleshed and cleaned, and the fur is often covered with dust.

British workers who make up these into fur coats and wraps have to suffer illness because of carelessness on the Continent.

Watch the queue

Cases of petty fraud on the unemployed have been too frequent lately.

One method is to advertise employment, and tell all who answer that the job is theirs for a small payment towards the cost of advertising.

Larger sums have been obtained from mechanics as subscriptions to some mythical motor union.

The police should pay especial attention to these exchange pests.

Deadly lung-trouble

Serious allegations are being made that doctors have frequently wrongly diagnosed silicosis among workers—the deadly lung-disease caused by fine grit.

The effect has been to prevent the victims becoming eligible under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Employees in the stone, glass, iron and steel industries who have been alarmed by reports of such occurrences will be glad to know that such a practice will shortly be made impossible.

The Home Office has agreed to set up local medical boards, with headquarters in Sheffield, to deal with every claim.

Country sports

Major P. C. Wright and the other magistrates of the Lindsey Petty Sessions know how to temper the wind to the unshorn farmer.

A small boy, aged thirteen, Frank Andrew, was employed in beating for a party of shooters.

Acting under orders, he and other boy-beaters crossed a field, belonging to Frederick Hewitt, to drive off the birds.

Hewitt yelled at them, and they returned by another route.

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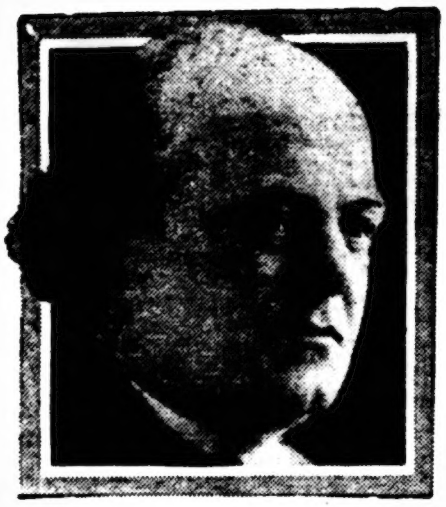
Nevertheless, Hewitt caught Andrew some days later, and beat him to bruising on the legs and shoulders.

Can you imagine it?—in fining him 10s. and £1 1s. costs, the ineffable Bench said Hewitt had been provoked, but had taken upon himself the parents' duty of correcting the children.



"A generous impulse"

Orphans of the war

The Minister of Pensions, Mr. F. O. Roberts, proposes to make a special concession to incapacitated war orphans, and we welcome his generous impulse.

Some men who were killed in the war left children who were mentally or physically incapacitated. In many cases, also, the mother was dead or has since died.

State pensions payable to these helpless young people have hitherto ceased when they reached the age of twenty-one, and the new powers enable these to be continued.

Fagin is not dead

One of the occupations of Richard George Kendall, thirty-five, of Sandow Street, Ardwick, Manchester, lately sentenced to three months' imprisonment for receiving stolen property, is the encouragement and even bullying of boys into thieving so that he might reap the benefit.

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Detective Davenport said that he arrested a boy of fifteen for theft, and it had been proved that he had been taught by Kendall to steal watches for which he paid eightpence.

When the boy brought cheap watches he was warned that he must in future secure expensive ones.

The officer said there were other boys who had been taught to steal, and the police were trying to trace them. And yet Kendall got only three months.

Slow-motion

It is time that the officials of the Scottish Office were roused to action over the Government's scheme for the replacement of the nets lost by the Scottish herring fishermen during the autumn storms.

Months have passed and nothing has been done.

Mr. Adamson, as Secretary of State for Scotland, is too complacent with the brass-hats in Whitehall, to whom the plight of the fisherman is merely another file of papers.

Just samples

Beware of an artful couple of rogues who go round Yorkshire with a parcel of blankets, sheets, shirts, and carpets—stuff to match to be delivered later—and some cloth to be purchased right away.

The goods in the parcel, of excellent quality, are the bait. In many cases the cloth is purchased, and the couple are seen no more.

There is no written agreement, and customers get cloth for their money; so it is difficult for the law to touch them.

But don't be had. "J. Weston" is the name at present employed, and the older man exhibits a licence from the Ryde police and a motor-driving licence.

A correction

In our issue of November 2, 1929, we made reference to a Mr. Job Henry Charles Drain, and we desire to place on record that no imputation of any sort or kind was intended against this gentleman, and take this opportunity of expressing our regret for any annoyance that may have been caused him.

Life-lines?

The fate of many lives in the future may depend upon an enquiry which is going on behind the scenes just now in shipping circles.

A suspicion has arisen that certain attempts at rescue recently made have failed because the life-lines fired to ships in distress have consisted of rope which is not heavy enough to carry the required distance.

Experiments and enquiries are being made, and if these reveal that the suspicions are well founded, orders will be made for using a heavier rope in future.

Growing mushrooms

Ashburton (Devon) Urban District Council must pull up its socks.

Dr. Ellis, the Medical Officer of the district, reports that with one or two exceptions the newly built council houses at East End Terrace are well and in a deplorably bad condition.

In some cases, says the doctor, there is fungus half an inch thick. Unless the council acts at once they will be obliged to condemn them.

Surely this is a record—for a council to be faced with having its houses condemned by its local officer eighteen months after they are built.

A minimum magistrate

"Maximum penalties must be kept for maximum offences" is the motto of the Hull Stipendiary. This is how it has worked out:

In December last a youth on a motor-cycle was fined, with costs, £3 1s. 6d. He pulled up at once, and the accident, he urged, was not his fault.

Now the learned Stipendiary has had before him a police reservist named George William Hart, a corporation chauffeur.

Hart knocked down a man and made off. There was a hue-and-cry before he was found.

Hart was fined £2 and costs.

Very big babies

An unusual case before Mr. Bingley at Marylebone last week brought to light a legal anomaly that appears to have hitherto been overlooked.

He spotted the anomaly

Under the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925, a married man separated from his wife may be compelled to pay for the maintenance of his children until they reach the age of twenty-one, whereas under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts allowance can only be claimed until the age of sixteen.

The magistrate remarked that he could not assume it was intended that a father should go on paying until twenty-one, and suggested that the matter should be brought to the notice of Parliament.

Lower deck

We think that the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Alexander, might consider the case of the "re-entry" men. Their service was broken when they were demobilised after the war, when they became civilians, but joined the Royal Naval Reserve.

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Then, the "seaman" naval ratings getting very short of men, the Admiralty advertised for men to join for two years, or to complete time for pension.

Many did so, and some of them will be in the Navy until they are forty-eight years of age, when they will have little chance of getting a civilian post.

They have no legal case; but could not half their reserve time count towards pension service?

The country doesn't want these men to pass from the Navy on to the "dole."

After DEATH—*What?*

Amazing Census of Religious Belief

by SIDNEY DARK

"Quibbles," says Mr. Dark, "bore the people in the streets"

NEARLY two thousand letters were received by the editor of JOHN BULL in the "Letter Parliament" discussion "After Death—What? My Belief."

I have read a great many of these letters and found them extraordinarily interesting.

In the first place, it is startling that a comparatively small minority repeat the accepted faith of orthodox Christianity, perhaps because that faith is not completely understood.

A certain number of the writers are agnostic. To their writers the conditions of life beyond the grave are mere guesswork. Who can know anything of "the bourne from which no traveller returns"?

An even larger number are convinced that death is the end of all sensation and experience. For them, to die is "to lie in cold abstraction and to rot."

With this complete scepticism concerning the continuation of life there is apparently, and quite naturally, a disbelief in the existence of God. Incidentally, I note with some little surprise that others of the letters profess belief in the reincarnation, taught by Pythagoras and other classic philosophers, and still held by the adherents of certain Eastern religions.

Long before I read these letters, I had realised that there is reason enough for the assertion that organised religion has, to a considerable extent, lost its hold on the modern world.

As an authoritative Baptist divine has recently admitted, the statistics of church attendance suggest the growth of materialism and Paganism—which are, by the way, two very different things.

But I had supposed that, though church-going had become unpopular, there remained with the majority of men an instinctive revolt against the materialism that teaches that when a man's body dies the man dies too.

It is certainly true that ever since man learned to think at all he has been thinking of what will happen to him when his earthly life has come to an end.

This speculation that has continued through the ages implies the conviction that something or the other must happen to him.

The widespread lament for the dead during the war—Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they were not—intensified the conviction that the dead, whom we have loved, are not lost to us for ever, and that there will be reunion, somewhere and at some time, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

The growth of Spiritism since the war is directly due to the conviction, taught by philosophers and cherished by the simple, that when the body of man falls into corruption and decay his soul goes marching on.

No dreams—

BUT now comes what is to me the amazing evidence—derived from the correspondence with which I am dealing—that a very large section of the intelligent middle and working classes in Great Britain reject the teaching of all religions and most philosophies and are persuaded that there will be no dreams in the eternal sleep.

Is this rejection of a faith supported by centuries of tradition and, as I believe, by human instinct due to the failure of the Church, or, if you will, of the Churches (a word I use with considerable hesitation)?

I think that it is. I believe that the increasing disbelief in the existence of God and in the immortality of the soul is directly to be traced to the watering-down of the creeds, to the attempt of the Modernist "to rediscover God," of the pandering to the sceptic.

When Nonconformity ceased to be fundamentalist, it began to lose its hold on that great section of the British public that had been its adherents since the beginning of the seventeenth century. That is a historic fact.

What living Nonconformist preacher draws the crowds that Spurgeon drew? What teacher is affecting men's lives to-day as he affected them?

And Modernism is having exactly the same effect in the Church of England as it has had among Nonconformists.

It must, of course, be understood that I am only expressing my own conviction. That conviction is that the ordinary layman will never remain for long in the half-way house garnished by the learning of Dr. Barnes and Dr. Inge.

Having travelled so far from the faith of his childhood, he will, in most cases, almost inevitably travel still farther, until he ceases to have any religious belief whatever.

It is a fact of considerable significance that the Roman Catholic Church, which makes no compromise with Modernism, which holds without qualification the faith which was once delivered unto the saints, contrives to hold its members more successfully than any other religious body, and steadily gains adherents in this country, in the United States of America, and in many hitherto Protestant parts of the European continent.

Similarly, so far as my experience goes, it is in the English churches where the old faith is most persistently taught that the congregations are largest.

Quibbles concerning fundamentals are interesting in the schools; but they bore the people in the streets, who either accept or reject, believe or disbelieve, and are antagonised and rarely attracted by compromise.

So far, too, as belief in immortality is concerned, I am convinced that it has been profoundly affected by the popular religious teaching of the last three or four hundred years that as the tree falls so it must lie.

Unjust; too hard

LIFE continues after death, men have been taught, but it is a stagnant life, incapable of any sort of change or development. The wicked are destined to an eternity of punishment and the good to an eternity of bliss.

This teaching outrages the human sense of justice, which demands some limitation to all punishment, however heinous may be the offence. It is also irrational.

There may be—I have never myself met them—people so hopelessly bad that no length or severity of punishment could be too hard for them, and there may be some people so amazingly good that without cleansing or preparation they may at once be permitted to come into intimate contact with (to use a theological phrase) the Beatific Vision.

But most of us are just half and half; some of us a little better, some of us a little worse; a few of us, perhaps, extremely bad, and still fewer extremely good.

If, therefore, there is to be punishment, the punishment must obviously be graduated. If there are to be rewards, there must be rewards on a varying scale.

The soul of man, freed from the limitations and the appetites of the physical body, may grow and develop, the personality remaining and the finest qualities increasing in intensity.

There is no prayer more often and more sincerely repeated than "Grant us Thy peace."

So, in the beyond, there will, as one believes, be a long period for most men of cleansing, of the sloughing-off of all that is ugly and the gradual acquisition of all that is beautiful, and, if earthly experience is any sort of indication, this period will not be without its pains.

Life will be lived in a glow. Whatever troubles may occur, they will occur in the sunshine and not in the gloom.

A thrilling world

THIS is a hard world, sometimes a wicked world, sometimes a funny world. It may be a thrilling world. "Death," said Peter Pan, "must be an awfully fine adventure." But only for the man who has found life a fine adventure or whose life has been instinct with fine ambition.

Of him, when the call comes, if he realises sins and shortcomings and has pleaded for pardon, it may be said in the great sentence of the "Pilgrim's Progress": "So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

THE VOLCANO

The Archbishop of Canterbury: *"The situation is precarious. We are walking along a road beneath which are volcanic forces."*

The Bishop of Winchester: *"We are faced with a progressive secularisation of life in all its aspects. With a departure from Christian faith and morals there is growing the doctrine of the all-omnipotent State claiming to control even the personal habits of its citizens from the cradle to the grave."*

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

Empty Church Echoes

Dress Appeal to the Queen—Broken Policeman—They Kissed the Rod

Her Majesty THE QUEEN,
Buckingham Palace, S.W.

YOUR MAJESTY,—Knowing how deeply concerned you are for the health and happiness of your subjects, I appeal to you to use your tremendous influence in favour of the healthy and becoming fashion in women's dress which as yet prevails, but is under provisional sentence of death.

I am sure that you disapprove, as I do, of the extravagances of that fashion.

But the normal feminine dress, allowing freedom of movement and freedom to breathe, is immeasurably more healthy, decent, and becoming than the stuffy, cramped germ-collectors of the Victorian and Edwardian ages.

A word from you will end the manœuvres of Paris. Will you speak that word?

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. J. R. CLYNES,
Home Secretary

DEAR MR. CLYNES,—I feel urgently impelled to call your attention to the case of Sub-Inspector D. A. Fisher, of the Metropolitan Police, who appeared before the Disciplinary Board and ultimately resigned.

I find that Fisher's record of twenty-two years' service reveals a spotless personal character.

The charges against him were entirely matters of departmental discipline, and it seems monstrous to me that his whole career should be destroyed and that he should be left without a penny of pension.

Will you please go further into the matter?

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. LORD MERRIVALE,
President Divorce Division

MY LORD,—It is a little unfortunate that in commenting last week upon the reprehensible conduct of a petitioner for divorce through the Poor Law Committee of the Law Society you should have used words liable to be misunderstood.

It is quite true, as you say, that the Poor Persons Procedure is for straightforward persons with straightforward applications, but the truism is not confined to poor persons, as might be implied.

I venture to suggest that there is far more deliberate deception of the court practised by people of unlimited means than by poor folk.

"Poor but honest" is still more than a meaningless phrase.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. H. B. LEES SMITH, M.P.,
Postmaster-General

DEAR P.M.G.,—I hope you will give sympathetic consideration to the views to be put before you by a deputation from the Joint Industrial Council of the Printing and Allied Trades, urging the return of the penny post and the removal of many vexatious postal regulations which hamper trade.

It is difficult to see how you can resist this reasonable demand, in view of the surplus £9,000,000 shown in the Post Office accounts for the past year.

If you point to the deficit in the telegraph department, I suggest that a return to the pre-war rate of a halfpenny a word would result in an increase of business sufficient to convert the loss into a profit.

JOHN BULL.

Mrs. J. D. ROBERTSON,
Norfolk House, Streatham, S.W.

DEAR MADAM,—I am glad that at last they have appointed, in your person, a woman chairman of the Visiting Justices Committee in Holloway Prison for women.

There are certain things *no* woman likes to explain to a man, and no man can understand.

On the other hand, I am sure you will help to refute the rumour that women in authority are unmerciful to women. Have mercy on the prisoners, and remember that even the women-warders have their point of view.

Ask Father Fitz!

JOHN BULL.

ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY,
Lambeth Palace, London, S.W.

YOUR GRACE,—In supporting the motion adopted by the Church Assembly, requesting the Archbishop to appoint a Commission of Enquiry into the present relation of Church and State, you stated that it was in no way a movement towards disestablishment.

I suggest that your position, which it seems is the position of the Assembly, is illogical

You cannot have things both ways. If you are "the Church of England as by law established," then your doctrines must be subject to the law of the land. If you won't submit to that, then you should cease to be established.

While you are mournfully considering this dilemma, the English people are leaving the National Church. In an interesting discussion I had on after-life, I received nearly two thousand letters from readers, and I referred you to Mr. Sidney Dark's analysis.

Your churches are empty, and a disturbing number of the common people care not one brass farthing what [illegible] of Prayer-book you have, and whether you are, or are not, established.

You confess that you are at present walking over a smooth road with volcanic forces underneath. How lamentable, when *you* should be the volcanic force!

JOHN BULL.

M. TARDIEU,
French Delegate, Naval Conference

CHER AMI,—I congratulate you on shedding the cold light of Gallic criticism on the deliberations of the conference.

As a counterblast to certain suggestions which smell of hypocrisy, you have recommended the "humanization" of the submarine.

And when others urge that you do not do that, you will allow the common sense of mankind to leap to the conclusion that *war cannot be humanized since the object of war is to maim and slay.*

Excellent! If we can't be loving, at least let us be logical.

JOHN BULL.

The BENCH of MAGISTRATES,
Bedford

GENTLEMEN,—Apparently you read JOHN BULL. For only two weeks ago I suggested that there were hundreds of boys and girls in reformatories who should never have been sent there. And I advised you magistrates to say to the mother, "If you don't want me to order him a thrashing, he must go to a reformatory."

And now you have put that alternative before the mothers of three school boys charged with theft, and, as I expected, the mothers chose the birch.

It was wise of you, and it was kind of the mothers. The influence of the home is supported, instead of destroyed.

More power to your elbow!

JOHN BULL.

Sir W. LLEWELLYN, K.C.V.O.
President of the Royal Academy

DEAR SIR,—It was fine (and surprising) to hear you give as your reason for closing the Italian Exhibition on March 8 that the Royal Academy owes a duty to living artists

But do you really think the Academy has done that duty when has opened its summer exhibition?

Don't you know that the R.A. is byword among the nations for *neglect* of young living artists? It is an old stick-in-the-mud [illegible] shamefully ignores its duty.

Now, sir, you have given the sleeper Don't let it fade away ironically the desert air.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT *from the Shoulder*

GENERAL SMUTS: "The problem which your country has to face is greater than any single Party can solve."

Terribly true! And still the squabble.

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MR. CLOUGH WILLIAMS-ELLIS: "Of the whole, we have got the sort of towns that the ordinary sort of councillor approves of."

Heaven send a few extraordinary councillors!

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MR. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW: "People would go to the national theatre if they go to church, because it was a duty and the proper thing."

At that rate most people would stay away.

Not from 2LO—Dr. Herbert Levinstein

Stepping on the GAS

I HATE the sound of guns by night,
Wounds are repugnant to my sight,
While bullets have a nasty bite:
Therefore methinks
By nations truly civilised,
Such barb'rous things should be despised
When plodding chemists have devised
New lethal stinks!

Since I'm by nature most humane,
It is to me a source of pain
That men by horrid shells are slain
In war, alas!
It would, I think you will agree,
A great deal more delightful be
To bring about each casualty
With poison-gas!

Some people think that because I am president of the Society of Chemical Industry my plea for the retention of gas as a weapon of war is not wholly disinterested. I can, however, assure you that it was dictated not by commercial, but by humanitarian motives.

During the last war shells killed one man out of every three they put out of action, whereas mustard-gas killed only one man out of every forty.

The real object of war is not to kill your enemy, but merely to put him in such a frame of mind that he is anxious to cry "Kamerad."

If we could do this by means of non-stop community singing or tickling his feet with a feather all would be well. But, as we cannot do so, the next best thing is to leave to the chemist the job of making him feel sorry he's alive.

Doubtless science, in pursuit of the ideal of bloodless warfare, will evolve even more pleasant devices than mustard-gas; so what the League of Nations should do is to draw up an international agreement—pardon me, I did *not* mention "a scrap of paper"—to abolish all armaments and munition factories and leave the rest to the chemists.

War in the future need not be
The frightful thing it is to-day,
If nations can be brought to see
The way the war-game they should play.

No combatant need show a scar,
Nor smiling landscape be defaced,
When military bruisers are
By gentle scientists replaced.

For in the coming golden age,
If chemists do but what they say,
Brighter and better wars we'll stage
In quite a gentlemanly way.

We'll ban the gun, with fiery breath
And fearful voice, that maims and kills,
And deal out scientific death
By means of potions and of pills.

It's nice to think of sergeants who
Will sit with spectacles on nose,
And generals at G.H.Q.
Writing prescriptions for our foes.

These new boys of the bulldog breed,
Thank heav'n! will see the next war through.
There will not be the slightest need
For common blokes like me and you.

BOGUS PARSON'S *Blasphemous* CRUSADE

OF all the rogues who exploit the public the worst by far are those who work under the cloak of religion; who, with pious texts upon their lips set out to rob and despoil the people they pretend to uplift.

A high place in this shameful category must be accorded to a charlatan who describes himself as the Rev. F. S. Caudle and who at present presides over an extraordinary movement called the Crusade of the Missionary Benevolent Society.

Apart from the general literature issued by this society, the headquarters of which are at Froomes Hill, Ledbury, Herefordshire, the letter-headings themselves suggest that its objects are reverent in the extreme.

These are embellished with a cross, and a note to the effect that the movement is "undenominational and evangelistic."

Young men

Great prominence is given to the name of the Rev. F. S. Caudle, "Secretary and General Superintendent."

Within the last week or two the Crusade of the Missionary Benevolent Society has been advertising in the following strain:

Wanted, Christian young men and women to be trained as Missionaries for Home and Abroad; splendid opportunities; good salaries, furloughs, and retirement pensions; stamp. Write, Secretary, Crusade of the Cross Mission, Froomes Hill, Ledbury, Hereford.

Applicants receive a farrago of finance and religion in the form of a printed prospectus, together with a covering letter from the Rev. F. S. Caudle himself, who states that he is "so glad to learn that you desire to offer yourself to work for the Lord—the need is very great these days."

Almost in the same breath, the rev. gentleman adds that if there is any question regarding the fees he will be only too pleased to make some special arrangements, concluding with the pious diction: "May God bless and guide you."

Such sentiments, coming from this man, are, as we shall show, filled with the most shameful hypocrisy.

It appears that the Crusade of the Cross is to form unlimited battalions of missionaries, who, once they have been "trained" under the Rev. F. S. Caudle's auspices, will be found remunerative posts as welfare-workers in all parts.

The rev. gentleman emphasises the fact that the Mission of the Cross requires *at once* men and women for Africa, Australia and Canada; and that openings are always available for men and women as police and police-court missionaries, port missionaries at the docks, and rescue workers in all cities.

That he is particularly qualified to train police-courts missionaries, having "inside" knowledge of their work, will be later manifest.

"Do not refrain, if you feel called by God," he writes. "Pray without ceasing, pray through. Yours in the Master's service."

Before anyone can qualify for one of the positions offered by the Crusade of the Cross, he or she must undertake a correspondence course, offered to them by the benevolent Caudle at £10 10s. a time.

Life-long study

From what we can gather, the course, though stiff, is really cheap for the money, since candidates have got to learn English literature from A.D. 670 to A.D. 1832; Church History; History of Christian Thought to the Reformation; Latin and Greek; and, amongst other things, the Esperanto language.

Apparently the period of tuition by post has no definite closing date.

As soon as the £10 10s. has been fully paid, a test-paper is sent to the student, who, if he has not come up to the required standard, will be coached until proficient without further charge.

When the Rev. F. S. Caudle regards postal students as efficient, it is his plan to admit them to a "training-camp" at Ledbury for a month, during which they "will only receive pocket-money."

But when they have conquered the correspondence course, passed out of the training-centre, learnt Latin, Greek and Esperanto, they will be rewarded with a wage of not less than £3 a week—*if* and *when* appointed to one of the home or overseas posts.

It will be seen, therefore, that after he has paid his £10 10s. a student might easily spend a lifetime in trying to become efficient.

But who is the Rev. F. S. Caudle?

For years it has been his practice to bleed money from people who have believed him to be a genuine clergyman.

One of his ventures was the Industrial House Purchase Society, Ltd., which, extracting deposits from homeless people on the assurance that it would provide houses or bungalows, was a naked and unashamed fraud.

Sermons - cash

Many of his victims were people who had listened to sermons preached by him at missions in the East End of London, and who, once their money had been handed over to his swindling society, gradually learnt to their dismay that practically the whole of it had gone into his own pocket.

Later, at Bristol, Cardiff, Birmingham and other places, he pursued the same plundering career, and, finally, received a well-deserved term of imprisonment, at the hands of a Birmingham magistrate, who observed that his frauds were most heartless.

Prospective missionaries are undoubtedly impressed by his demand for three references as to their integrity; it is right, therefore, that they should be told something of the individual controlling the Mission of the Cross.

Caudle was denounced in Lord Ilkeston's court

Sir Charles Rafter, Chief Constable of Birmingham, thanked "John Bull" for exclusive information about this rascal

Weekly Informations from
SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

JASONS' GOLDEN "FLEECE"

If any of my readers are at present seeking apartments, I should emphatically advise them to avoid negotiating through a firm of so-called estate and business agents known as Messrs. Jasons, of the Strand, London.

I have several reasons for proffering this advice; but it will save a lot of time if I outline the experience of a woman who lives in the East End of London.

Seeing an advertisement in a local newspaper, she wrote for particulars, and received a reply from Messrs. Jasons saying that they had many flats on their books and would be pleased to furnish details, with orders to view, if she would call in at the Strand office.

She accepted this invitation and then discovered for the first time that Messrs. Jasons would not divulge any address until she paid over a 10s. fee and promised to pay a further 10s. when satisfactory accommodation had been arranged.

As she was a victim of the housing shortage, she fell in with this unusual stipulation, though it was necessary for her to borrow the money from friends.

In return for her fee she received a very crudely typed "order to view" relating to an address in Brunswick Road, London, E.; but when she called at the address given she learnt to her dismay that no accommodation was available and that the occupier disclaimed all knowledge of Jasons.

Other complaints of a similar nature have arisen, and investigations I have caused to be made reveal that these "specialists in unfurnished flats," as they describe themselves, have only been established in their Strand office for a month or so, and are not registered at Somerset House.

The only other comment it seems necessary to make is that no reputable estate-agents charge any fee for granting an order to view, but will furnish unlimited lists of *bona fide* addresses free of all charge.

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My mail has lately been augmented by sheafs of enquiries concerning a Turf-commission business conducted under the heading John Clark (successor to Ted Davis), from 25, Ebury Street, Belgravia, London.

Agents, it seems, have been appointed in various localities, but the business of John Clark has now closed down, and letters addressed to its London headquarters from agents claiming amounts due to clients are being returned marked "Gone away."

The man behind this ramp is Samuel Adler, who, in various aliases, has been criticised in JOHN BULL for years as an unscrupulous bookmaker who has habitually left clients whistling for their winnings after he has pocketed their losses.

I note that a concern calling itself the Crown Trading Company, of Coronation Chambers, Lower Thames Street, London, has been advertising in a manner which suggests that members of the public can obtain 5s. worth of tobacco and cigarettes by sending four penny stamps.

Actually, the 4d. brings a coupon and a request for 1s. 4d. If the second remittance is sent the applicant still does not get the promised tobacco or cigarettes.

He receives instead four more coupons, with instructions to sell them to four friends at 4d. each.

The four friends must each sell four further coupons apiece, thus roping in sixteen further "customers" who must go on selling coupons in the same manner.

In short, it is just another variation of the age-old snowball scheme, which cannot possibly be carried through to any satisfactory conclusion.

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This need no longer happen. A youthful appearance can be maintained always. Those who have already lost their hair or whose remaining locks are grey or even white have now the chance to renew their youth so far as all outward appearance goes. All that any reader of this paper need do is to simply fill in the Form here printed and forward it, to-day, to the Leading British Hair Specialist, Mr. Frederick Godfrey, of

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—Miss L.

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"I have received great results from your first month's treatment. The bald patches are covered with new hair which is quite long. The rest of my hair is in fine condition, as you will note on the photograph I am sending you, as I think you would like to see the results of your work."—C.E.

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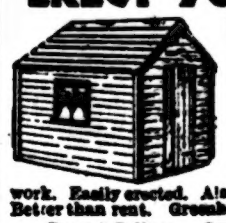

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SUBTLE SWINDLER'S Estate Deals

Happy scenes at Tagg's Island, the popular Thames Riviera, which was one of the many places this rogue had designs upon

LAST week we appealed to our readers for any information that would enable us to trace a man named James Wyndham, who recently disappeared in strange circumstances.

So far, no reader has been able to enlighten us on this point.

But by pursuing our own line of investigation, we have amassed evidence about the astounding ramifications of his missing man sufficient to justify our calling upon the Board of Trade and Scotland Yard to start enquiries immediately.

James Wyndham's cruel conduct in robbing unemployed men, to whom he promised lasting employment, we have dealt with already.

The further we look into his career, the more apparent it becomes that he is a dangerous quick-change crook who has figured in coups of a varied and sinister nature.

He has many aliases and his victims are legion.

The inner object of Wyndham's Commercial Agency, Ltd., which he has just brought to disaster, was to enter into a secret agreement between James Wyndham—who gave as his address "The Blue House," New Malden, Surrey—and another.

The purpose of this agreement was to develop certain lucrative business ventures, of which Wyndham is said to have considerable knowledge.

His real name, which is James Bentley Allen, was thus forgotten to enable "James Wyndham"—as he was chiefly to be known—to come to life.

Once this agreement was registered at Somerset House, "James Wyndham" set to work to obtain money to enable him to commence business.

He began by floating the company and acquiring two subscribers' shares of £1 each.

Then he obtained furniture by credit, and secured an elaborate office in the West End.

Misrepresenting to investors that he was running a flourishing business, he unloaded the company's worthless shares on various unsuspecting people.

One branch of the business which he thus commenced was an estate agency, conducted on a large scale.

He negotiated with other estate-agents for shops in various parts of London, which he opened as branches, after giving extensive orders to local contractors for reconstruction.

All this was quite unjustified, but it had the effect of impressing investors, who imagined that the business must be developing by leaps and bounds.

At Kingston, for instance, he acquired some premises and had considerable alterations carried out by a large contracting firm.

But after the work had been done, the firm found it impossible to obtain payment, and, as repeated demands failed, took proceedings against Wyndham and was given judgment.

Although tremendous sums had passed into Wyndham's hands, payment was still not forthcoming; and as other creditors were by this time pressing unavailingly for money, a creditors' petition for the winding-up of the company was placed before the court.

Then the bubble burst.

James Wyndham ignored the official papers served upon him by the court, and audaciously absented himself on the day the petition was heard.

As a result, Mr. Justice Romer made an order for the company to be compulsorily wound up.

He left

Meanwhile, Wyndham, being no longer able to conceal the fact that he had converted large sums of the company's money to his own uses, disappeared.

All efforts to trace him have failed, and the official investigation now being made into the company's complicated affairs is thus held up.

Some of the many victims who have been ensnared by this rogue are people whom he induced to part with money by pretending that he was launching a big undertaking at Tagg's Island, the famous "Thames Riviera."

As a fact the only real scheme he had under way in this connection was that of using the name of this popular resort for raising money.

Wyndham was a great lover of riverside frolics, however, and some time ago derived an unenviable reputation on account of certain wild and boisterous champagne parties organised by him on a houseboat he had rented.

Many of these riverside escapades, which grew notorious in the neighbourhood, were undoubtedly financed by money obtained from his dupes.

By wireless

Perhaps the most pathetic of his dupes are two investors whom he induced to part with several hundred pounds for the ostensible purchase of a profitable business in an important West End thoroughfare.

Acting in the capacity of an estate-transfer agent, he completely gained their confidence and swindled them out of every penny.

Whilst engaged in these and similar swindles, he was also operating in Shaftesbury Avenue under the guise of Wyndham's Wireless Manufacturing Company.

He opened a showroom with a great flourish, obtained goods extensively on credit, and left various people whistling for their money.

The absconding Wyndham was the brains of this business, and as the creditors have only him to look to for any redress, they have applied for a separate bankruptcy petition against him.

A man who drinks heavily, and who has an expensive taste in wines, Wyndham has lived in luxury for a long time past, driving about everywhere in a Packard car which he obtained on credit, and for which he has never troubled to pay.

London is not the only centre in which this rogue who thinks in millions has conducted fraudulent schemes with conspicuous success.

How long?

Some time ago, with headquarters in Bedford, he duped numerous people in his inimitable fashion, while his name is also very well known at Southend-on-Sea, where he perpetrated a series of similar ingenious frauds.

How much longer is such an incorrigible rogue to remain at large?

BEWARE the Kennel

A SIMPLE advertisement calling for an experienced kennel-manager has just served to cloak a cunning fraud which has brought the originator a large sum.

One job-seeker received an impressive letter from a Mr. W. Walters, MRCVS., MSVS., inviting him to call for a personal interview at Old Treaty House, Uxbridge.

He did so and found Mr. Walters to be a bluff, hearty person with a broad Norfolk accent, who explained that the job involved the entire management of his kennels at Denham, Buckinghamshire.

It was a responsible job, said the plausible Walters, but he would be content with a nominal security of £25.

The applicant paid over the £25 and went to Denham to take up his new duties.

There a nasty shock awaited him. Nobody seemed to have heard of Mr. Walters or his kennels, and an exhaustive enquiry satisfied the applicant that they did not exist.

He came back to Uxbridge post-haste but was not quite quick enough to catch Mr. Walters, who had disappeared from the Old Treaty House, which he had rented only for temporary occupation.

We are afraid that this victim is not alone in his sorrow, for numerous people have been similarly duped by one Walters, whose real name, we have ascertained, is W. Knowles, and who has no right to pose as a veterinary surgeon or specialist.

LEAVES FROM A NOBLEMAN'S CHEQUE-BOOK

WELL dressed and distinguished looking, a man introduced himself to a Chelsea shopkeeper as Lord Legh.

He was a young man of polish and refinement, and the frank, boyish confession that he was temporarily short of ready money was received without suspicion.

So impressive was his manner, in fact, that the shopkeeper not only agreed to accept a cheque in payment for the young nobleman's purchases, but even advanced him a substantial sum of money.

He had occasion to regret his kindness when the cheque came back "R.D.," revealing the fact that the customer was an impudent impostor who had flagrantly misused a noble name.

The truth is that this polished young man's real name is Russell Leghmore.

He has lately imposed upon shopkeepers with such profitable results that he has been able to take his ease at the leading hotels and to associate with the most disinguished guests.

At times he passes less pretentiously as plain Mr. L. R. Moore; but in any guise he is a decidedly dangerous young man, as many ex-officers who have made his acquaintance at hotels can testify.

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WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN ON MARCH 17!

"I'm in a hole—can you tell me [illegible] going to happen on March [illegible]

That "Paradise"

COUNTLESS animal-lovers who have an ever-ready purse for societies which claim to succour aged, worn-out, sick and maimed horses will hear with alarm of the flagrant abuse of their sympathies.

JOHN BULL here issues a warning against the "Home of Refuge for Horses," with headquarters at Ingatestone, Essex, the leading figure in which is Captain J. Walford-Gosnall.

He sends out printed leaflets, slopping over with pathos, making urgent appeals for money.

Sometimes he encloses with the printed "dope" a personal letter, in which he professes to have the welfare of dumb creatures very closely at heart.

Heart-appeals

He writes in most humane terms about relieving the suffering of "poor, aged, lame and overworked horses," particularly those working on the cruel London stones, and belonging to very poor owners who cannot possibly afford to give their animals the timely rest they so much need."

Then there is the scheme to provide a happy home for old but worn-out favourites who might otherwise have to be destroyed.

But Captain Walford-Gosnall does not rely solely upon sob-stuff in touching public hearts and pockets.

His literature bears many distinguished names as "patrons," including Lord Sackville, Sir James Colquhoun, Bt., Admiral Sir Lambton Loraine, Bart., and General Lord M. R. G. Kerr.

An ingenious person with a knowledge of human nature—whatever he knows about horseflesh—is this benevolent captain. He has arranged a sliding scale of subscriptions to suit all pockets.

No guarantee

Animal-lovers, for instance, can become annual subscribers upon payment of £1 1s. with the privilege of sending a letter of recommendation to the Home of Refuge for Horses each year. But there is no guarantee that anything will be done.

Lord Sackville is at present in America. We feel sure that he is unaware that his name is being used in these precious appeals

If all is well, one horse can be admitted for four weeks; and even then it is by no means certain that the animal will be received free of charge, as the captain reserves the right to make owners pay a supplementary fee.

In his sliding scale, the "privileges" can be extended over ten years for £5, or for life for £15.

If you cannot afford to enter even the guinea class he asks you to return his literature, so that he can save the printing bill by using it again, adding a plea to enclose whatever stamps you can to help him with the heavy cost of postage.

But there are some things concerning the captain which are not disclosed in his correspondence.

Captain's Queer Home for OLD NAGS

The Captain's enterprises were blacklisted by the R.S.P.C.A.— Sir R. Gower, M.P., the president

The Home of Refuge for Horses is, to put it bluntly, merely an alias for himself.

It is actually housed in his own private residence, an ordinary country house of moderate size, called "Whitegates," at Ingatestone, where there are absolutely no facilities for the great rescue work upon which he impudently leads the subscribing public to believe he is engaged.

Another flagrant point is that the funds which the captain is so busily collecting are administered solely by him, without the supervision of any committee such as always exists in reputable charities.

How much public money passes through his hands or what becomes of it cannot possibly be ascertained. He flatly refuses to furnish balance-sheets or accounts of any kind.

Blacklisted

This "home" at Ingatestone is not the first venture of such a character for which Captain Walford-Gosnall has launched extensive appeals.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Charity Organisation Society have both blacklisted his various enterprises for a long time past, and the police have constantly been called upon to deal with enquiries and complaints.

On one occasion the captain admitted to the police that he was sending out 200 letters of appeal a day, and the only horses on the premises were a hunter, a cob and one yearling colt, which were used by the captain and his wife for riding and driving.

This state of affairs existed for eighteen months, and independent enquiries proved that his daily post was bringing in between 150 and 200 letters.

The captain never has more than a handful of horses in his stables, and he has been known to charge anything from 3s. 6d. to 15s. a week for keep, on top of the numerous charitable grants he has obtained.

Noble names

It is also a significant thing that all his appeals are carefully sent to people living in counties remote from Essex.

So Captain Walford-Gosnall's appeals are entirely unworthy of support.

The only answer to the charges we have made against him is the publication of duly audited balance-sheets and accounts.

The captain should also inform his subscribers how it comes about that, with the exception of Lord Sackville, the three other patrons whose names we have quoted above, and which appear upon the literature he is now circulating, are all men who died long ago.

Is Lord Sackville aware that his name is being used? Once the captain had to apologise very humbly to a famous duchess whose good name he had misused.

It seems monstrous that such a man should be permitted to continue his charity-mongering operations, and we earnestly urge the authorities to take immediate action.

ALIASES *and* Wheels

ANANIAS must have come down from his historic pedestal. One Ellis, who for some time past has been duping motorists in all parts of the country, has the position.

Ellis is a glib-tongued, dignified man of forty-five. No one would take him for one of the cleverest confidence operators working to-day.

Unlike the majority of his fellows, he confines himself to one story which has been practised perfect in practice. He relies upon his vivid imagination to provide a fresh story for each victim.

At Reigate, for instance, he called on a firm of motor-agents, and introduced himself as a chauffeur in the employ of Sir George Cooper, who, he declared, was then staying at Reeglan Court, Reigate.

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He wished to purchase a motor-cycle, it seemed, but none of the machines that the agent had in stock appealed to him.

He was told that any make or model could be obtained for him within a few days; so, finally, on the condition that the agent should lend him another machine for use until his new one arrived, the sober-faced chauffeur agreed to place an order, and to pay on delivery.

He took away a motor-cycle, and after repeating the trick on another agent in Reigate, he vanished.

He was not in anybody's employ as a chauffeur.

Shortly afterwards one of the missing machines was traced to a dealer who had been imposed upon by Ellis in an ingenious manner.

Dropping his role of chauffeur, and posing instead as valet to Admiral Beatty at Reigate Priory, Ellis had told a wonderfully convincing story that he was about to accompany his master to Paris.

He could not, he declared, take his new motor-cycle with him, and as there was some doubt as to how long his master would remain abroad, the best course seemed to be to dispose of the machine for what he could get.

A price being agreed upon, the dealer innocently handed over the money.

At Portsmouth, recently, Ellis elected to rise considerably in the social scale, and, passing as "Major Baker," called upon a local contractor and explained that he wanted crazy-paving put down in the drive at his home leading to his garage.

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After inspecting various specimens of stone and arranging all details in a most exacting manner, the "Major" asked if he could just borrow the contractor's car to run back to the house for something.

The contractor, pleased at having gained the custom of so distinguished a personage, politely assented, and watched the other drive away in his own car, little thinking that he was gazing upon both for the last time.

Ellis, who has also used the names of Barber, Barclay, Littleton, Skirth and Watson, is never idle, and often brings off two or three coups in one town.

Whether his spoils be large or small, he always tells an elaborate tale; but soon, we trust, he will blunder up against a dealer who is a reader of JOHN BULL.

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NOT SUCH A TOM FOOL!

by A. G. GARDINER

WHATEVER else may be said about Mr. Baldwin's declaration to his Party at the Coliseum, it has put at least two noses out of joint. Two conspicuous and important noses, too—the noses, to wit, of Lord Rothermere and Lord Beaverbrook.

For a long time past these two estimable Press magnates have been sniping at Mr. Baldwin in their multitudinous newspapers.

Perhaps sniping is a mild word for their methods. It would be true to say that they have been savaging him, lampooning him, worrying him, mauling him.

Nominally they have been doing this in the interests of the Conservative Party. Nominally also they have been doing it independently.

Fleet Street thunderers

The thunders of the *Daily Mail* and the ragtag and bobtail of the Rothermere Press have saluted Mr. Baldwin from one quarter of the compass, the thunders of the *Express*, the *Evening Standard* and the rest of the Beaverbrook Press have crashed at him from another.

Together the two potentates gave the impression that the whole Conservative heavens were breaking about Mr. Baldwin's head, and that he was to be cast into outer darkness.

They had even arranged for his successor. With a fine gesture of magnanimity, Lord Rothermere conferred the sovereignty on his journalistic rival.

"There would be a wonderful transformation," said Lord Rothermere, "if by any turn of the wheel of fortune Lord Beaverbrook should within the next year or two enter 10, Downing Street as its master."

The first step to the achievement of this "wonderful transformation" was to get Mr. Baldwin out of the way.

Their objection to Mr. Baldwin was less on political grounds than on personal grounds. They dislike Mr. Baldwin for a common and excellent reason. He has kept these newspaper magnates in their place.

During the war and the Coalition Government of Mr. Lloyd George they had enjoyed the run of the premises of 10, Downing Street. They were so much in the inner ring that it was doubtful whether the country was governed from Westminster or from Fleet Street.

When Mr. Baldwin became Prime Minister he dismissed their lordships to the doormat outside, and on the doormat they have remained ever since.

This humiliation could not be tolerated. It was borne in sulky silence so long as Mr. Baldwin seemed to be firmly seated in the saddle, but with his defeat last summer their lordships brought their guns to bear on him.

They peppered him with small shot and they hammered him with shell. They pictured him as a sort of figure of fun, an Old Man of the Sea of the Conservative Party, who must be got rid of if ever the Party was to come into its own again.

Since he would not quit the leadership of the Party, the Party must quit him.

So together Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothermere started a hare which was expected to bring the Conservative Party, minus Mr. Baldwin, clattering at their heels.

It was not a very new hare. In fact, it was a very old and obsolete hare—a hare that Mr. Baldwin himself had, like Joseph Chamberlain before him, hunted with disastrous results in 1923.

It was our old friend Protection, rigged out with a new name and a brand-new suit of clothes.

The new name and the new suit of clothes were designed by Lord Beaverbrook, who, as a reward, was offered by Lord Rothermere the reversion of

"The more he changes the more he remains the same"

the leadership of the Conservative Party and the office of Prime Minister.

But the Empire Free Trade crusade, as it was called, has fallen as flat as a pancake. It has fallen flat for two reasons:

It proposed a tax on food from outside the Dominions, which damned it in this country. And it proposed that, in return for a monopoly of the British market for their commodities, the Dominions should admit our manufactures free, which damned it in the Dominions.

But Protection has so many supporters in the Conservative Party that Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothermere hoped that by dangling it before their noses they could compel Mr. Baldwin to become a crusader or, still better, to quit the field.

He has done neither. In his Coliseum speech he very adroitly dodged the net that had been spread for him and snubbed Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothermere by ignoring them, while giving his followers a hint of a new scheme of Protection by instalments.

Pitchforked

They could not have the whole hog, much as he would like to give it them. They couldn't have it because the country wouldn't have it. He had risked the fate of his Party on a general tariff in 1923, and once bitten twice shy.

So he ruled out food taxes. And in ruling out food taxes he pitchforked the Beaverbrook-Rothermere policy into the rubbish-heap.

But while he dismissed the whole hog as impracticable, he foreshadowed a policy of Protection by instalments and of Empire development which is much more ingenious than any previous proposal.

The policy falls into two parts. There is to be a bold extension of Safeguarding. Hitherto Safeguarding has only been conceded after enquiry by a committee, which has sifted out the claims and granted only those in which a real case for protection could be established.

But now this safeguard against Safeguarding is to be abolished. The business will be taken over by the Government itself, and any industry which can bring enough political pressure to bear will be assured of a tax on all imports.

The second part of the policy, in which, if I am not mistaken, we can trace Lord Melchett's influence, is something which Mr. Baldwin calls "Imperial rationalisation."

It is not very clear what the scheme is or how it is to work; but it seems to aim at "inter-Imperial arrangements" on a large-scale pattern.

We are no longer to ask the Dominions to stop manufacturing and to take their manufactures from us in return for the food and raw materials we take from them. That idea is dead, since the Dominions have shown they will not have anything to do with it.

Instead we are to parcel out the Empire with the industrialists of the Dominions on agreed terms, and build up a common scheme of internal Empire trade, with "Safeguarding" against the foreigner to keep the trade intact.

It is Protection by the back-door, and, I am bound to say, a clever idea.

There is one weak spot in it from Mr. Baldwin's point of view.

It gives Protection to the manufacturer; but it leaves the farmer out in the cold. For without a tax on food he will have to pay more for what he buys from the manufacturer, and sell in the open, unprotected market as before.

But of course Mr. Baldwin is aware that this would never do, and he hinted that he has a bait to throw to the farmer in the near future. Perhaps a subsidy out of the Safeguarding taxes.

The one person who will get nothing is the consumer.

Who's fooled?

There is the new policy. It sets the stage for the next General Election, which will be a Protectionist election with an Imperial flavour.

If any Conservative goes back to 10, Downing Street, it will not be Lord Beaverbrook, but Mr. Baldwin.

He has not been jockeyed out of the saddle, but seems more firmly seated there than ever.

I suspect he is not quite so great a simpleton as my lords have taken him to be.

Homely Wisdom—by CANON R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

The Poison of Hate

A DOCTOR called to see a patient whom he was treating for nervous disorder, and, as doctors often do, entered into conversation about some of the patient's private troubles.

He listened quietly to a long complaint made by the patient, a business man, against the conduct of a former partner who had overreached him in some way in a financial contract.

While pouring out his grievances, the patient grew more and more excited and red in the face with anger. As the story reached its climax he banged on the table with his fist and shouted: "I will fight him in a court of law if I have to beggar myself to do it."

"You can't afford to fight him," said the doctor, "you will only kill yourself in the process. Every time you work up the state you are in at this moment you are sticking a knife into your heart."

It is a physiological fact that the passions of rage and fear have a murderous effect on the body that feels them.

We hurt ourselves far more by giving way to bad temper than we hurt anybody else.

If the perspiration of an enraged man could be analysed it will be found to be full of poison. No man should be such a fool as to give way to fury or spite if he knows this. It is the literal truth that we cannot afford to cherish such dangerous emotions.

The question may reasonably be asked how in such a troublesome world as this we are to avoid being moved to anger by people who treat us badly.

The answer is that we must try to get into sympathy with them, to understand their point of view, to banish our own personal prejudice sufficiently well to be able to see them as those who like them would see them.

This method often does marvellous things. Canon Raven tells in his book, "The Creator Spirit," of having to work for a time alongside a man who annoyed and irritated him.

But, getting away from this man on one occasion, Dr. Raven managed to think of him with sympathy because of their mutual difficulties, the result being that when they were together again all cause of friction had disappeared.

There is hardly a case of antagonism between two human beings in this world which could not be made to yield to the influence of a spirit of charity.

Put yourself in imagination in the other fellow's shoes, and you will probably find animosity disappear and kindly feeling take its place.

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What is Catarrh?

Catarrh is a disease of the mucous membrane. Usually it begins with a simple cold in the head. Commencing in the nostrils, it spreads to all the mucous membranes of the head, the nose, the throat, the lungs and stomach. Thence it spreads its poison through the blood all over the body, sapping the bodily energy and weakening the powers of resistance to disease and germ-spread illnesses.

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How to know Catarrh.

If you catch one cold after another; if your eyes are inflamed and watery; if there is a huskiness of the voice; if there is a constant discharge from the nose, forming scabs, or the dropping of phlegm into the throat, causing frequent spitting of white, yellowish or greenish mucus with an offensive breath; if there is difficulty in breathing with the mouth closed, or loss of the sense of smell or taste, you may know you have catarrh. If you have catarrh of the throat, you will feel hoarseness, sore throat, weakness of voice, frequent desire to clear throat, etc. Catarrhal deafness brings failure of hearing, noises in the head, ringing, roaring and popping. None of these symptoms should be neglected, because it cannot be too strongly urged that catarrh will spread its ill-effects through the whole of your body.

How to get rid of Catarrh.

As you will realise, Catarrh rapidly becomes so firmly rooted in the inflamed membranes of all the minute passages and channels that the reason is evident why all the so-called remedies fail to shift it or even to relieve it. Sprays and ointments cannot reach more than the outer parts, while such things as pills cannot possibly affect the passages of throat and nose. The only way to effect a remedy is to employ some healing element which can actually reach the parts that are infected

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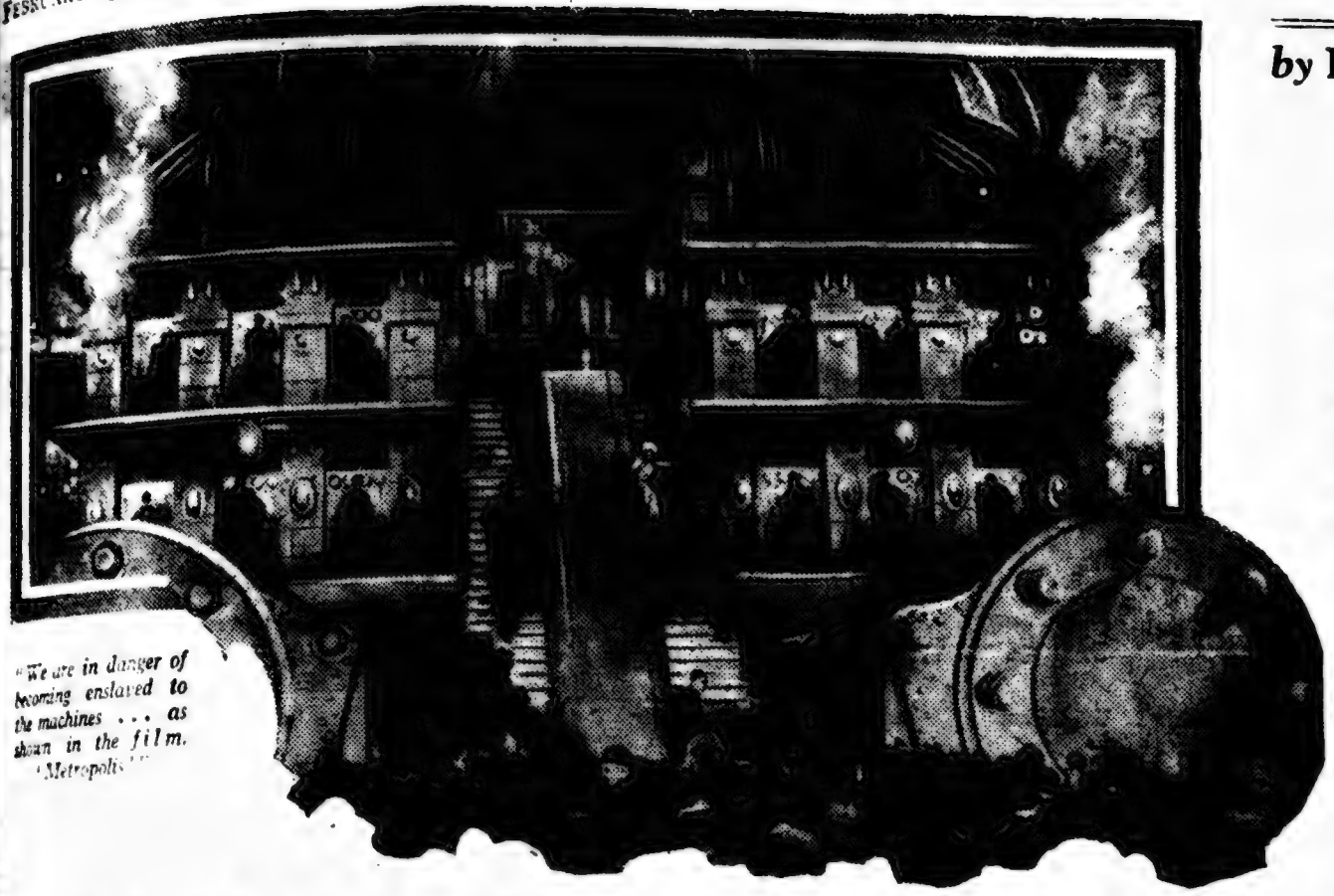

"We are in danger of becoming enslaved to the machines . . . as shown in the film, 'Metropolis'"

SOULS Broken on the MACHINE

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

IN the last ten years no fewer than 27,910 men and women have lost their lives while at work and 4,144,721 have been injured. Each year the casualty-list rises steadily. Industry is rapidly becoming almost as dangerous as war

There is something rather shocking in this sombre picture, something peculiarly distressing in the fact that science and invention and progress are not only not easing, but are, in fact, multiplying the dangers and burdens of life—all this quite apart from the countless tragedies of the roads.

Surely it should be the other way round

We are living in an age that is specially characterised by the extensive use of machinery, by ingenious power-devices, and by a thousand means of taking the burden of hard, slow, manual labour and back-breaking toil.

Thanks to the inventors, the discoverers and the engineers, we should be living in the Golden Age of plenty and prosperity.

We should be working less while actually producing more. We should be living better (which in point of fact we are) and living cheaper (which we most demonstrably are not).

Instead of producing more leisure, machinery is producing less work; far from increasing prosperity, it is deepening depression.

Lives and money

It is doing nothing to lessen the hours men must spend in working, nothing to cheapen living; and, worst of all, it is increasing the risks of injury and death to an alarming extent.

Instead of making machines our slaves, we are in danger of becoming enslaved to the machines.

In hard cash alone the matter is sufficiently serious.

Competent authorities place at no less than £6,000,000 a year the burden that accidents place on industry in the shape of compensation alone.

They compute that in the last ten years industry has had to pay at least £300,000,000 sterling in workmen's compensation, in the shape of loss of time and profits.

We are clearly not using the miraculous resources of science and invention as we should.

We are, in fact, getting perilously near the condition of things that was shown in the film, "Metropolis," and that was summed up rather bitterly by a recent writer, who said that the motto for the modern factory-worker was "The soul must be left in the cloakroom on entry."

Where is that Act?

So far as sheer injury and death is concerned, a good deal of it could be prevented. A new Factory Act is long overdue. Repeatedly promised by the last Government, it was as repeatedly shelved.

We are still waiting for it, though perhaps with more solid hopes of its appearance.

In mine and mill and factory there is inadequate inspection and inadequate safeguard

Despite all the laws, despite all the loss and delay that accidents cause, there are still too many employers who cannot see where their real interests lie.

But, important though that is, it is not to my mind the real problem. The problem is to turn the curse of the machine into a blessing.

America is supposed to be a good imitation of the Promised Land. If machinery was being used as it should be used, there surely we should find the key, for America is the home of the machine.

But, as a matter of fact, we find worse things there than are happening at home.

According to official figures, wages are down by 270,000,000 dollars, while the value of the goods produced by those who earned the wages has increased by 1,455,000,000 dollars in a few years.

Costs of production have been lowered—but the prices of goods have not been correspondingly reduced.

All that has happened is that the number of workers has been reduced, and the ability of those who remain to buy their own products has been reduced also

Although the population of America has increased vastly since 1919, says the American Minister of Labour, the needs of the country are supplied with 7 per cent. fewer workers.

She can make all the boots and dig all the coal she annually needs in six months; she can blow all the glass she needs for a year in seventeen days.

And America has somewhere about four million unemployed. That in itself is almost sufficient commentary.

It is the same all over the world. The skill and devotion of the scientist and the inventor are resulting in a steady increase of harm and misery.

Yet there is no question of lack, either of food or raw materials or the finished product. There is abundance of everything. There is even abundance of leisure—but we will not so organise our social life as to use it.

It is not the scientist, nor yet his machine, that is a curse. It is our own stupidity. We won't organise life.

The real use of the age of the machine should be to create not fewer workers, but more workers and less work for each. Unless and until we have achieved that, we are indulging in both moral and material waste.

We are wasting men and women, wasting productive capacity, wasting enjoyment and leisure and life.

There is no need for any of it. Production properly organised could, thanks to the amazing fertility of the machine, produce its average rate of profit, despite an increased pay-roll and decreased hours.

Millionaires

What it is doing is to increase the lavish extravagance of those who live on the increasing productivity of other people.

The American income-tax returns have just disclosed some amazing figures, showing the astonishing increase in the wealth of the moneyed classes of the United States.

Nearly five hundred people have incomes of over £200,000 a year and twenty people have more than £1,000,000 a year.

In this country we have 543 millionaires—and we have also 11,880,000 people who earn less than 55s. a week.

That is the paradox of the machine, for however it is distributed, it is from the machine that the wealth must come.

What we have to evolve is some more sane system that will allow the immense productivity of the machine to benefit everybody and not just a few.

I will never cease to denounce as lunatic folly the policy of wage-reduction, which means in turn the decrease of purchasing power, which ends in decreased production and unemployment.

Since the introduction of steam there has been nothing comparable to the revolution the machine is capable of bringing about.

It is time we set ourselves deliberately to achieve a sane system, for to do it requires no more potent weapon than the application of a little robust common-sense.

The Human Machine

LIVE—and Let Live!

IF there is one thing that causes more trouble in this world than another, it is the apparently incurable desire of people to make everyone else conform to their own standards.

"Live and let live" has always been a pretty good motto; but surprisingly few people follow it out.

From the individual up to the arrogant bureaucrat, there is a fatal wish to force everybody into a common mould.

"The only freedom that deserves the name," said a great thinker, "is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs or impede their efforts to obtain it.

"Each is the proper guardian of his own health, whether bodily or mental or spiritual. Mankind are greater gainers by suffering each other to live as seems good to themselves than by compelling each to live as seems good to the rest."

That is worth thinking over, whether you think of yourself in relation to the rest of your family or bring to its test the relationship of yourself and the whole of society. It is the touchstone that would solve half the world's problems if we would only get its lesson firmly learnt.

We may think that what the other fellow is doing is foolish. We may think it astonishingly pig-headed—but why shouldn't he do it if he likes? Why should we attempt to prescribe the ways in which he shall enjoy life, so long as he isn't interfering with our enjoyment?

In all the history of the world, tyranny has never accomplished as much as tolerance. For tyranny is always in the end destruction—and any fool can destroy.

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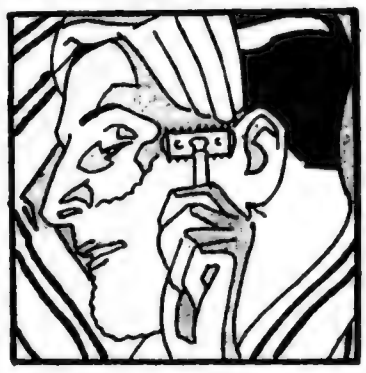
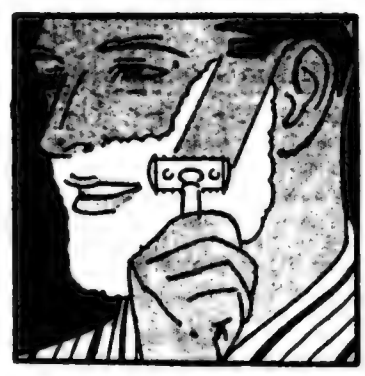
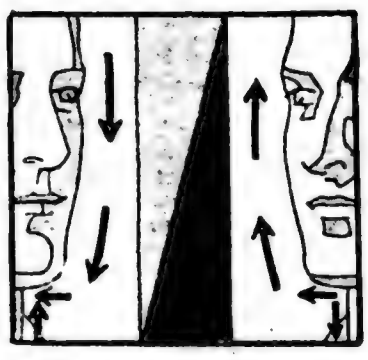


2. Hold the razor still against the temple and draw the skin, with the other hand, upwards and away from the razor.



3. In shaving the rest of the face, let the razor meet the beard diagonally.



4. The first time you go over the face stroke *with* the growth of the beard, the second time *against* it.

5. Always remove the blade from the razor to clean it. Run hot water over it, and dry it without going against the edge.

THE SLEEPING SHOWMAN

Without Fear or Favour

What about that BIG DRUM?

NEXT week our annual effort in national publicity, the British Industries Fair, will be opened at London and Birmingham.

Comparatively few members of the public are aware of the fact. Test this by asking the first man you meet where the Fair is being held and when. It is a hundred to one that he will not know.

There had been practically nothing in the newspapers up to the time these lines were written to tell the nation that the Fair is about to be staged. We may presume that the same policy of modesty and blushing self-effacement has been pursued abroad.

This is characteristic of our whole attitude towards propaganda. Individually British business men are as keen and skilful advertisers as any in the world, with the exception of the Americans, who are still many leagues ahead. Nationally we have not yet grasped the A B C of the business.

We have spent millions in the last few years on pushing Dominion products by means of the Empire Marketing Board.

NOTHING has been expended on proclaiming abroad the excellence of British goods, or on sustaining, by the written word, the prestige and credit of British industry and finance.

It is not suggested that direct advertising of British goods on collective lines in foreign countries would be advisable or even practicable, unless in exceptional circumstances.

But we could maintain an expert world-wide sales organisation, through our Consulates and Embassies, which would be invaluable to individual advertisers in our export industries.

We state advisedly, from personal experience, that if scientific data are required concerning markets *in this country*, we have much more chance of getting them from the American Consulates up and down the country than from official British sources.

On the broad question of national prestige and credit, Great Britain is also far behind her chief commercial rival. In the last half-year each of the two countries has gone through a crippling financial crisis.

There was the Wall Street collapse in New York and the so-called Hatry crash in London. Immediately on top of the former, President Hoover assembled his captains of industry and finance.

They took pains to spread the message to every corner of the world that the United States had weathered the storm, and that, in effect, every American business man was as flourishing as ever he was.

Here, we are still waiting for so much as a murmured reassurance from those whose concern ought to be as great for the weight of our cargoes as the tonnage of our cruisers that it takes more than Clarence Hatry to spring a leak in the good ship *Great Britain*.

Where's that drum?

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A Touch of Genius

WE publish in this issue of JOHN BULL an article by Mr. Winston Churchill, which we do not hesitate to describe as the most brilliant contribution of the age to the literature of international politics. Mr. Churchill has explained the great ideal of a United States of Europe with a scholarly and statesmanlike assimilation of historical facts and a magnificence of vision which must command admiration.

We shall say no more in this vein lest we appear fulsome, but we cannot refrain from comment on the purely political significance of Mr. Churchill's essay.

For all the changes he has made in his career, the late Chancellor of the Exchequer has resolutely adhered throughout to the broad principles of Free Trade.

Once again he has reaffirmed his belief in the policy of the freest possible exchange of commodities between nation and nation as the soundest guarantee of prosperity for all and the safest insurance of peace.

What a difference there is between the niggling and haggling scheme of occasional tariff obstruction which Mr. Baldwin was forced to offer last week and this wide and generous conception of a Europe unbound which Mr. Churchill now gives us!

Consider this from Mr. Baldwin: "We cannot begin to maintain the standards of our own people unless we have the power to use it [Safeguarding]—the power to retaliate with it."

And this from Mr. Churchill: "The prosperity of others makes for our own prosperity; their peace is our tranquillity; their progress smooths our path."

In which air do we breathe more freely?

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Fleecing our Seamen

ACTION must be taken at once to prevent British seamen being robbed at the ports on their advance-notes for wages. The whole thing smells of crimping and "blood-money" as in the bad old days. Foreign outfitters thrive on extortionate charges for cashing the advance-notes which are given to the men after signing articles.

Men serving on deep-water cargo - steamers take a month's advance pay before long voyages. A few drinks in the outfitter's back-room, and the note is cashed.

The seaman takes a proportion of outfit; a congenial "friend" drifts in, and there is an adjournment to a local bar. Finally, the man is pushed on board at sailing-time and the outfitter makes a clear profit of £6 or more.

A detective-sergeant of Bradford declares that advance-notes can be bought in blank form and that anyone can sign them.

The whole system is wrong. Advance-notes should be issued by the Board of Trade and the notes cashed at a nominal charge by the banking department of the Mercantile Marine Office.

Similarly, it should be made easy for seamen to send part of their advance-money to their wives or dependents.

The everyday trade in notes to men working the big liners is also an extortion which should be stopped. The usual charge for cashing such notes is two shillings in the pound.

A Great

by The Rt. Hon. WINSTON CHURCHILL

"Every step . . . is good in itself . . . is good for all"

NEVER before have three hundred and eighty millions of the strongest, most educated and most civilised parent races of mankind done themselves so much harm by their quarrels and disunion as have the great nations of Europe during the present century.

Never had they more reason to be discontented with the condition to which they have reduced themselves, and never could they see more clearly at once the cause of their misfortunes and its remedy.

Greatest war

They have only to look around to see the fair regions they inhabit starved and impoverished by the greatest of all wars, disturbed by hatreds and jealousies which the conflict has only aggravated, and hampered and burdened at every point by fetters and barriers they have themselves created and must spend a large part of their income to maintain.

The demand of the masses in all countries is for higher economic well-being. Science and organisation stand ready to supply it.

Why is the contrast between American and European conditions so cruel and their comparative rates of material progress so unequal?

We observe that Europe is overlaid with a tangled growth and network of tariff barriers designed to restrict trade and production to particular areas.

This network is the product of modern times. It has markedly increased since the Great War.

In fact, every improvement which science has given to European communications has been tripped up and rendered largely nugatory by this new and immense apparatus. Nothing like it is to be seen in the United States.

There the free interchange of goods and services over the widest possible area, or over very wide areas, is a dominating factor in the rapid accretion of material wealth.

But this idea of European unity, so novel to untutored ears, is no more, in fact, than a reversion to the old foundation of Europe. Why should it appear startling to its inhabitants?

Why should Europe fear unity? As well might a man fear his own body.

The organisation of Europe today is at once more onerous and less economically efficient than it was before the war. More than 7,000 miles have been added to her Customs barriers.

Every new frontier has increased the cost in time and money of the transport of goods.

The whole zone of Middle Europe, from the Baltic to the Ægean, is split into small States vaunting their independence, glorying in their new-found liberty, acutely self-conscious and exalting their particularisms.

They must wall themselves in. They must have armies to defend the ramparts. They must have revenues to pay the armies. They must have foundries and factories to equip them.

They must have national industries to make themselves self-contained and self-supporting.

What a jubilee!

They must revive old, half-forgotten national languages just to show how different they are from the fellows across the frontier. No more discipline of great Empires: each for himself and a curse for the rest. What a time of jubilee!

In this vale of tears nothing is more disappointing than getting one's own way. The peoples of Middle Europe, famished by the privations of the Great War, have indulged in a banquet of Dead Sea apples.

Even our own pet Ireland has found the task of rejoicing over freedom regained strenuous and bleak.

Nationalism throughout Europe, for all its unconquerable explosive force, has already found, and will find, its victorious realisation unsatisfying and uncomfortable. More than any other world movement, it is fated to find victory bitter.

Why cannot Europe in time of peace utilise a little of the wisdom she has bought so dearly in the crunch of war? Why cannot the civilian realise himself as French, German, Spanish or Dutch and simultaneously as a European and finally as a citizen of the whole world.

The flame of war has passed, its hideous losses have been written off. Europe might at least gather such experience from that time of trial as has been left upon the ground.

The resuscitation of the Pan-European idea is largely identified with Count Koudenhove-Calergi.

Bankrupt!

The form of Count Calergi's theme may be crude, erroneous and impracticable, but the impulse and the inspiration are true.

We have further a manifesto issued by the bankers in 1927 stating in effect that Europe is slowly strangling herself and that if her economic policy is not reversed she may find herself utterly impoverished and bankrupt.

The report of the Consultative Committee of the League of Nations published last May supports the bankers.

Finally, M. Briand, one of the most powerful and certainly the most eloquent of European statesmen, has, with all the deft vagueness of an experienced Parliamentarian, proclaimed to the Assembly of the League of Nations his adherence to the cause of a United Europe.

He would like to see some "federal link" established between all these different States. "The most important component" of that "federal link" should be "economic agreement." He branded the European Customs barriers as "mountain chains that divided one State from another."

He gained the support of Herr Stresemann and of Dr. Benes. Whereupon the Assembly appointed a committee under directions to report as soon as may be.

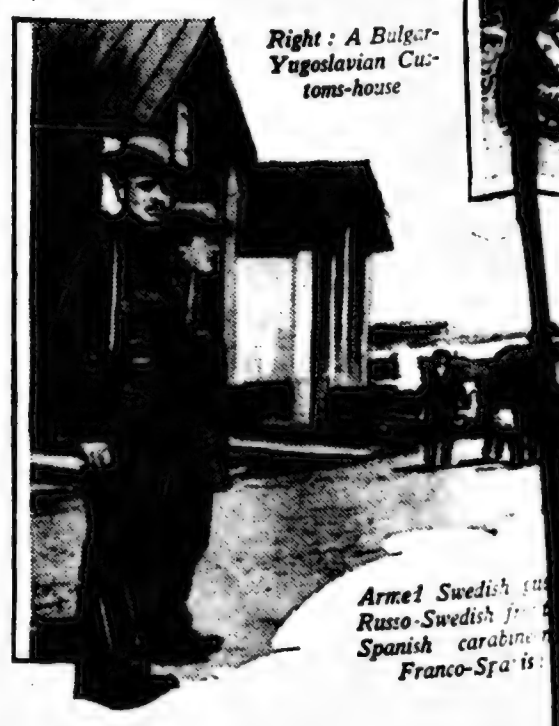
Thus we may exclaim with Zola, "Truth is on the march," but the time has certainly not come when we can proclaim the quotation, "and nothing will stop her."

"He branded the Customs barriers"— Danish guards at the Danish-German sea frontier

Let her, then, march forward, and let us aid her march. The further she can get the better. We may be quite sure she will not get far enough in the immediate future to do anything but good.

The reflections of European nations upon the need of unity must be stimulated by the financial relations of Europe to the United States.

But sure and certain it is that Europe will not continue for a generation to be an almost hopeless debtor of the United States, sinking deeper and deeper into the morass of foreign mortgage.



Right: A Bulgar-Yugoslavian Customs-house

Armed Swedish cus... Russo-Swedish fr... Spanish carabine... Franco-Spa...

BIG IDEA!

Mass Wealth: Mass Happiness

The frontier railway bridge dividing Yugoslavia and Greece and (below) the sentry-box barrier between Belgium and Holland

without intense, internal stresses and the birth of new doctrines.

Even if she had no such grey and dreary economic prospect, she will be driven sooner or later to question the monstrous absurdity of her own organisation.

After 2,000 years of Christianity and of the accumulation and diffusion of knowledge, after the immense advance of science and the undoubted improvement in culture and morals, on the morrow of "the war to end war," more than 20,000,000 soldiers or trained reserves, armed with instruments of inconceivable destructiveness, are required to guard the jigsaw frontiers of twenty-six jealous, impoverished and disunited States.

No one can suppose that that is going to last.

With a leap

From all these causes, and others that together fill volumes, the conclusion may be drawn with much confidence that the movement towards European solidarity which has now begun will not stop until it has effected tremendous and possibly decisive changes in the whole life, thought and structure of Europe.

It does not follow even that this progress will be gradual. It may leap forward in a huge bound of spontaneous conviction. It may even prove to be the surest means of lifting the mind of European nations out of the ruck of old feuds and ghastly revenges.

It may afford a rallying-ground where Socialists and Capitalists, where Nationalists and Pacifists, where Idealists and business men may stand together. It may be the surest of all the guarantees against the renewal of great wars.

The League of Nations, from which the United States have so imprudently — considering their vast and increasing interests—absented themselves, has perforce become, in fact if not in form, primarily a European institution.

For think how mighty Europe is, but for her divisions!

Let Russia slide back, as Count Calergi proposes, and as is already so largely a fact, into Asia.

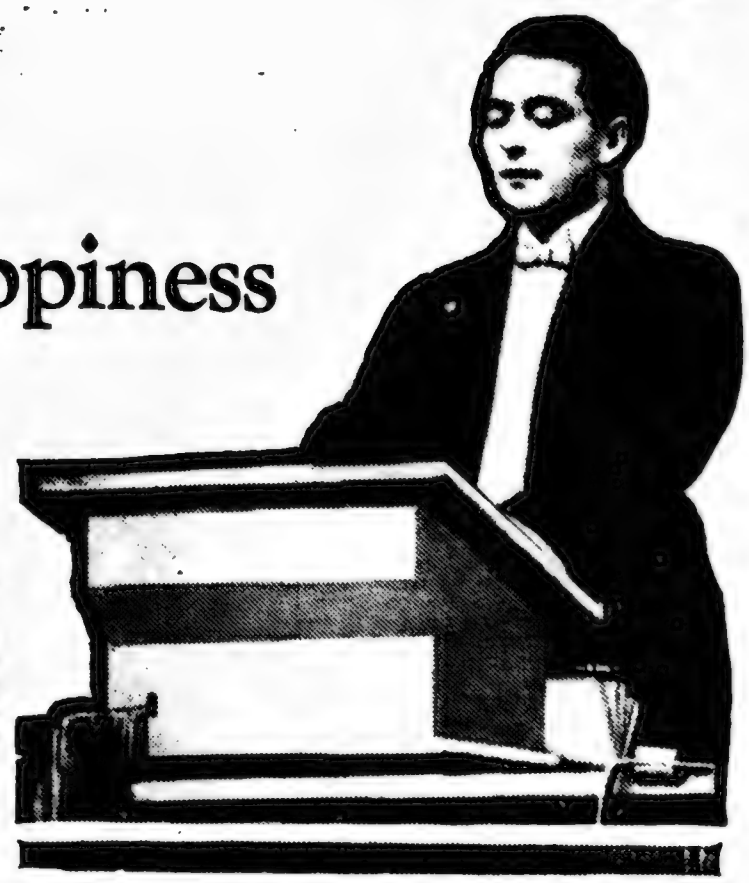
Empire goes on

Let the British Empire, excluded in his plan, realise its own world-spread ideal.

Even so, the mass of Europe, once united, once federalised, or partially federalised, once continentally self-conscious—Europe, with its African and Asiatic possessions and plantations, would constitute an organism beyond compare.

It is evident that up to a certain point the developments now in actual progress will be wholly beneficial.

In so far as the movement towards European unity expresses itself by the vast increase of wealth which would follow from it, by the ceaseless diminution of armies which would attend it, by ever-increasing guarantees against the renewal of war, it bodes no ill to the rest of the world.



Count Koudenhove - Calergi: "His theme may be crude, erroneous, but the impulse and the inspiration are true"

On the contrary, it can only bring benefits to every nation whose interests are identical with the general interests of mankind.

The attitude of Great Britain towards European unification or "federal links" would in the first instance be determined by her dominant conception of a united British Empire.

Every step that tends to make Europe more prosperous and more peaceful is conducive to British interests. We have more to lose by war than any human organisation that has ever existed.

The peculiar structure and distribution of the British Empire or Commonwealth of Nations is such that our safety has increasingly been found in reconciling and identifying British interests with the larger interests of the world.

Less armaments

The prosperity of others makes for our own prosperity; their peace is our tranquillity; their progress smooths our path. We are bound to further every honest and practical step which the nations of Europe may make to reduce the barriers which divide them and to nourish their common interests and their common welfare.

We rejoice at every diminution of the internal tariffs and the martial armaments of Europe. We see nothing but good and hope in a richer, freer, more contented European commonalty.

But we have our own dream and our own task. We are with Europe, but not of it. We are linked, but not comprised. We are interested and associated, but not absorbed.

And should European statesmen address us in the words which were used of old—"Shall I speak for thee to the King or the Captain of the host?"—we should reply with the Shunamite woman—"Nay, Sir, for we dwell among our own people."

But even this compulsive conception must be reconciled with other forms of British interest.

The policy of Canning has endowed us with holdings and connections in South America, and notably the Argentine, which, although in no way affecting the sovereignty of independent States, are of solid and durable importance to us.

The scheme of a British Empire economically self-conscious, a commercial unit, even perhaps a fiscal unit, can never be widely expressed in exclusive terms.

The King's Dominions circle the globe. We can never lend ourselves to any antagonism, however unlikely or remote, economic or warlike, between continents or hemispheres.

Freedom's champion

The British Empire is a leading European Power. It is a great and growing American Power. It is the Australasian Power. It is one of the greatest Asiatic Powers. It is the leading African Power.

Great Britain herself has for centuries been the proved and accepted champion of European freedom. She is the centre and head of the British Commonwealth of Nations. She is an equal partner in the English-speaking world.

It is possible to set forth the final conclusions of this brief examination of these deep and long-flowing tides.

The conception of a United States of Europe is right.

Every step taken to that end which appeases the obsolete hatred and vanished oppressions, which makes easier the traffic and reciprocal services of Europe, which encourages its nations to lay aside their precautionary panoply, is good in itself, is good for them and good for all.

Then, without misgiving and without detachment, we can watch and aid the assuagement of the European tragedy, and without envy survey their sure and sound approach to mass-wealth.

Partners of prosperity

We shall be very conscious that every stride towards European cohesion which is beneficial to the general welfare will make us a partner in their good fortune; and that any sinister tendencies will be restrained or corrected by our united strength.

It is, however, imperative that as Europe advances towards higher internal unity there shall be a proportionate growth of solidarity throughout the British Empire, and also a deepening self-knowledge and mutual recognition among the English-speaking peoples.

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by

EVELYN WAUGH

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The waiters are chosen for their height. They wear magnificent Russian liveries, and carry round flaming skewers on which are spitted onions between rounds of meat. Most of them are ex-officers of the Imperial Guard.

Boris, the manager, is quite a young man; he is 6 ft. 5½ in. in height. He wears a Russian silk blouse, loose trousers and top boots, and goes from table to table seeing that everything is all right.

From two in the morning until dawn "The Kremlin" is invariably full, and the American visitors, looking wistfully at their bills, often remark that Boris must be "making a good thing out of it." So he is.

Fashions change very quickly in Montmartre, but if his present popularity lasts for another season, he talks of retiring to a villa on the Riviera.

One Saturday night, or rather Sunday morning, Boris did me the honour of coming to sit at my table and take a glass of wine with me. It was then that Boris told his story.

His father was a general, and when the war broke out Boris was a cadet at the military academy.

He was too young to fight, and was forced to watch from behind the lines, the collapse of the Imperial Government.

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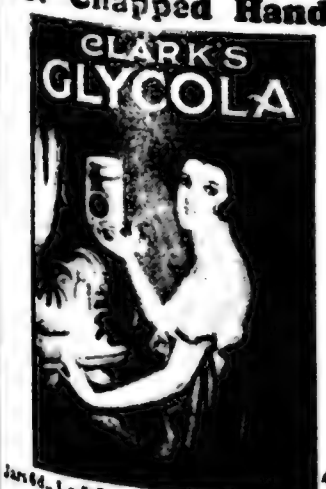

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The Manager of "The Kremlin"

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various scattered remnants of the royalist army, with half hearted support from their former allies, were engaged in a losing fight against the Bolshevists.

Boris was eighteen years old. His father had been killed and his mother had already escaped to America.

The military academy was being closed down, and with several of his fellow cadets Boris decided to join the last royalist army which, under Kolchak, was holding the Bolshevists at bay in Siberia.

It was a very odd kind of army. There were dismounted cavalry and sailors who had left their ships, officers whose regiments had mutinied, frontier garrisons and aides-de-camp, veterans of the Russo-Japanese war, and boys like Boris who were seeing action for the first time.

Besides these, there were units from the Allied Powers, who seemed to have been sent there by their capricious Governments and forgotten; there was a corps of British engineers and some French artillery; there were also liaison officers and military attachés to the General Headquarters Staff.

Among the latter was a French cavalry officer a few years older than Boris. To most educated Russians before the war French was as familiar as their own language.

Boris and the French attaché became close friends. They used to smoke together and talk of Moscow and Paris before the war.

AS the weeks passed it became clear that Kolchak's campaign could end in nothing but disaster.

Eventually a council of officers decided that the only course open was to break through to the east coast and attempt to escape to Europe.

A force had to be left behind to cover the retreat, and Boris and his French friend found themselves detailed to remain with this rearguard. In the action which followed, the small covering force was completely routed.

Alone among the officers Boris and his friend escaped with their lives, but their condition was almost desperate.

Their baggage was lost and they found themselves isolated in a waste land, patrolled by enemy troops and inhabited by savage Asiatic tribesmen.

Left to himself, the Frenchman's chances of escape were negligible, but a certain prestige still attached to the uniform of a Russian officer in the outlying villages.

Boris lent him his military overcoat to cover his uniform, and together they struggled through the snow, begging their way to the frontier.

Eventually they arrived in Japanese territory. Here all Russians were suspect, and it devolved on the Frenchman to get them safe conduct to the nearest French Consulate.

Boris' chief aim now was to join his mother in America. His friend had to return to report himself in Paris, so here they parted.

They took an affectionate farewell, promising to see each other again when their various affairs were settled. But each in his heart doubted whether chance would ever bring them together again.

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TWO years elapsed, and then one day in spring a poorly-dressed young Russian found himself in Paris, with three hundred francs in his pocket and all his worldly possessions in a kitbag.

He was very different from the debonair Boris who had left the military academy for Kolchak's army. America had proved to be something very different from the Land of Opportunity he had imagined.

His mother sold the jewels and a few personal possessions she had been able to bring away with her, and had started a small dressmaking business.

There seemed no chance of permanent employment for Boris, so after two or three months of casual jobs he worked his passage to England.

During the months that followed, Boris obtained temporary employment as a waiter, a chauffeur, a professional dancing-partner, a dock-labourer, and he came very near to starvation.

Finally, he came across an old friend of his father's, a former first secretary in the diplomatic corps, who was now working as a hairdresser.

This friend advised him to try Paris, where a large Russian colony had already formed, and gave him his fare.

It was thus that one morning, as the buds were just beginning to break in the Champs Elysées and the *couturiers*

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True Story

were exhibiting their Spring fashions, Boris found himself, ill-dressed and friendless, in another strange city.

His total capital was the equivalent of about thirty shillings; and so, being uncertain of what was to become of him, he decided to have luncheon.

An Englishman finding himself in this predicament would no doubt have made careful calculations.

He would have decided what was the longest time that his money would last him, and would have methodically kept within his budget while he started again "looking for a job."

But as Boris stood working out this depressing sum, something seemed suddenly to snap in his head.

With the utmost privation he could hardly hope to subsist for more than two or three weeks.

At the end of that time he would be in exactly the same position, a fortnight older, with all his money spent and no nearer a job.

Why not now as well as in a fortnight's time? He was in Paris; about which he had read and heard so much. He made up his mind to have one good meal and leave the rest to chance.

He had often heard his father speak of a restaurant called Larne. He had no idea where it was, so took a taxi.

He entered the restaurant and sat down in one of the red-plush seats while the waiters eyed his clothes with suspicion.

He looked about him in an unembarrassed way. It was quieter and less showy in appearance than the big restaurants he had passed in New York and London, but a glance at the menu told him that it was not a place where poor people often went.

Then he began ordering his luncheon, and the waiter's manner quickly changed as he realised that this eccentrically dressed customer did not need any advice about what to order food and wine.

HE ate fresh caviare and *ortolansan pork crepe suzettes;* he drank a bottle of vintage claret and a glass of very old *fine champagne* and he examined several boxes of cigars before he found one in perfection.

When he had finished he asked for his bill. It was 260 francs. He gave the waiter a tip of 26 francs and 6 francs to the man at the door who had taken his hat and kit-bag. His taxi had cost 7 francs.

Half a minute later he stood on the kerb with exactly 3 francs in his pocket. But it had been a magnificent lunch and he did not regret it.

As he stood there, making up his mind what he could do, his arm was suddenly taken from behind, and turning he saw a smartly dressed Frenchman who evidently just left the restaurant. It was his friend the military attaché.

"I was sitting at the table behind you," he said. "You never noticed me you were so intent on your food."

"It is probably my last meal for some time," Boris explained, and his friend laughed at what he took to be a joke.

They walked up the street together talking rapidly. The Frenchman described how he had left the army when his time of service was up, and was now a director of a prosperous motor business.

"And you, too," he said. "I am delighted to see that you also have been doing well."

"Doing well? At the moment I have exactly 3 francs in the world."

"My dear fellow, people with 3 francs in the world do not caviare at Larne."

Then for the first time he noticed Boris' frayed clothes. He had only known him in a war-worn uniform and it had seemed natural at first to find him dressed as he was.

NOW he realised that these were not the clothes which a prosperous young man usually wear.

"My dear friend," he said, "forgive me for laughing. I didn't realise... Come and dine with me this evening at my flat, and we will talk about what is to be done."

"And so," concluded Boris, "I became the manager of 'The Kremlin.' *If I had not gone to Larne that day it is about certain we should never have met!*

"My friend said that I might have a part in his motor business, but that he thought anyone who could spend his last 300 francs on one meal was ordained by God to keep a restaurant. He convinced me. I collected some of my old friends to work with us. Now, you see, I am comparatively a rich man."

The last visitors had paid their bill and risen, rather unsteadily, to go. Boris rose, too, to bow them out. The daylight shone into the room as the waiter lifted the curtain to go out.

Suddenly, in the new light, all the decorations looked bogus and tawdry, the waiters hurried away to change their sham liveries. Boris understood what I was feeling.

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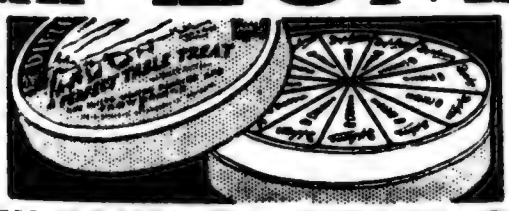

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Come with a representative of JOHN BULL to these hovels in stately Westminster, where people are massed in conditions which are a reproach to humanity.

There is no need to select particularly bad cases for examination. Take these so-called houses at random, and ask the nerve-shattered women who peep timidly at strangers—visitors here are so rare—who ask for permission to view their homes.

Listen to Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Squire. They have been living in one house with their husbands and seven children: but like hundreds of other dwellings, it threatened to collapse upon them. The roof is now off.

To the workhouse

One morning they had to hurry to Westminster Police Court to interview the magistrate about it.

While they were at the court the police saw how terrible matters were, and when the women returned it was to find constables guarding their home with orders to allow no one to enter.

The families were taken in by neighbours, whose pitiable homes were already overcrowded. Some of the children went to the workhouse and others, who became ill, to the infirmary.

Almost next door we find a husband and wife and nine children in two rooms. The small basement scullery with the defective roof is the living-room, but it is also the washhouse for the other tenants, and the lavatory which opens from it is common to the tenement.

Surely, you say, this state of affairs, which can be seen all around, must have excited the anxiety of social workers? It has, and they are trying through the agency of the Westminster Housing Association to combat it.

But this association is not in favour with the local authorities.

Suffer or get out

It has to be understood that the Westminster City Council is ambitious to usurp the traditions of the City of London, and to make the network of streets behind the Abbey a centre for merchandise, banking, and other spheres of commerce, surrounded by avenues of luxury flats for the rich.

So the working-class is left to suffer or get out.

They cannot do the latter because, after nightfall, the far-flung streets of Westminster are filled with crowds seeking recreation in theatres, restaurants and kinemas.

In the service of their pleasures the labours of the workers continue until the early hours of morning.

Can the London County Council not intervene? it is asked. Speak for a moment to Mrs. Connor, whose family have had to occupy a wretched tumbledown.

She shows two letters which reveal her to be in an extraordinary predicament.

One is a notice of eviction because she is unable to pay the heavy rent charged for the disgusting place. The other is a notice to quit because the house is dangerous to life, and offering her alternative accommodation at 7s. 6d. per week more than is already demanded of her.

It is tragedy in farce.

Next, Mrs. Connor will show you an amazing letter from the London County Council. It has taken umbrage and fright because the Housing Association has dared to intervene to help her in her plight.

It declares that it will deal with no one but Mrs. Connor or her professional advisers.

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That other miserable ... ...e a f... yards away, with only ... ...aterpro... sheets above and around ... and ha... the upper part gutted, is th... ...abode ... Mr. Milsom, who has to ... ...turn th... to his family from a bl... ...k of m... lionaire flats where he is employed.

Let us visit the home ... ...f an Ad... miralty messenger who ... ...a s... being trained as a medi... ...researc... worker.

In a cell

It is clean, and the w... ...has be... nished something of bri... ...ess m... the dismal hole; but wha... ...ther wo... than "den" can describe.

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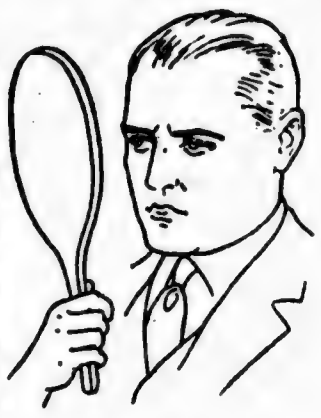

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KINEMAS that have FORGOTTEN PAISLEY

"No children under seven, . . ." say the regulations; yet there are three-year-olds in our picture. Above is Mr. R. C. Chance, Mayor of Carlisle. His town is vigilant

WHILE the tragic kinema fire at Paisley has made everyone realise that the problem of coping with any similar situation that may arise elsewhere is one of vital importance, a tour of investigation by a representative of JOHN BULL has revealed astounding official apathy.

In our observation two courses of action are vitally necessary.

First, that all local regulations should be brought into line with those laid down by the L.C.C.

Second, that performances exclusively for children should be forbidden unless male attendants are on duty.

After all, if a theatre can show a profit on admitting children at a penny each, it ought to be able to provide an adequate male staff to ensure the children's safety.

Safety flashes

While commending these remarks to the notice of the authorities, we must not omit to give credit to the few enterprising managers who have not waited for the lethargic official machinery to be set in motion.

In one theatre a large-scale plan has been hung in the entrance-hall, and patrons are exhorted to glance at it upon entering and note the position of the various exits.

Better still is the idea adopted by another manager, who has equipped all his attendants with electric buttonhole badges.

In an emergency an attendant would immediately take up his station at each exit and flash his badge for the guidance of the crowd.

In several towns fire-drill is now carried out at children's matinées, the little ones first being addressed from the stage upon the folly of panic.

This scheme had met with most encouraging results, and one case has been brought to our notice where a hall was cleared of its juvenile audience in exactly sixty-five seconds.

Seek ideas

Another idea which several thoughtful managers have put into practice is to discontinue the use of the balconies at any performances where children are solely catered for.

With an audience all on the ground-level the danger in a possible panic would thus be greatly minimised.

But all these precautionary measures, we repeat, are the fruit of thoughtfulness on the part of individual kinema-managers.

It behoves the authorities to confer closely with all such enterprising people, and so evolve regulations that will be so farseeing as to reduce the panic-risk in kinemas—or any public building for that matter—to an absolute minimum.

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Our investigation was made in the thickly populated towns of the North-East Coast, and it confirms beyond a doubt that there is something radically wrong with the administration of the law regarding kinema-theatres, and that a drastic remodelling is imperative.

We purposely refrain from giving the names of the theatres which we are now going to describe. The attack is not upon theatre proprietors or lessees, as it must be presumed they are complying with local regulations.

Rather, it is these totally inadequate regulations which we most emphatically condemn.

In one kinema which we visited with a local councillor and one of our local representatives its situation and conditions made it a veritable death-trap.

Only girls

The pit was approached by a flight of stairs, and the gangways to the emergency-exit at the end near the screen were broken by further stairs, terminating in a kind of well, in which the exit was placed.

The stalls were packed with children, and the only attendants visible were two chocolate-girls and a young man who apparently doubled the functions of manager, cashier and checktaker.

At another hall the circle was reached by two precipitous flights of stone stairs, meeting in a right-angled bend, and ending abruptly at the door into the gallery.

No attendant was visible on these stairs, two young chocolate-girls again being the only persons present in the galleries to protect the public's safety.

Hundreds of children were present at the matinées at these theatres at a penny each admission.

It is easy to imagine the state of things on that staircase in the event of a panic.

At another kinema we counted between twenty and twenty-five children entering a matinée, each one indisputably no more that five years old.

The local regulations insist that no children under seven shall be admitted unless accompanied by one over fourteen years. None of these was so accompanied.

At yet another kinema the floor-level was reached by four flights of circuitous stairways.

There was only one emergency exit on one side of the hall plainly marked. This was a swing-door about 3 ft. wide.

During one visit by our representative this place was packed with numerous people standing in the gangways and circle, and without straining the bounds of fair criticism, it can be definitely stated that the steep stairway exits and the general lay-out of the theatre would make egress very difficult in the event of a panic.

In several other places in this town bad and dangerous conditions were found to exist.

Two other kinemas are staffed with young girls, and no male attendants appeared to be on duty. Both of these cater for children.

Another house is, we understand, carrying on at present under a temporary licence.

In most places which our representative visited he found the Watch Committee very keen and the regulations carefully supervised.

Two places in a northern town call for some comment. In one both the pit and the gallery are approached by steep staircases, with one other exit at the back of the screen.

At the other the position of the operating-box should be altered immediately.

Doing something

In several other towns, among them Newcastle-on-Tyne and Sunderland, which our representative visited he found conditions in some of the smaller kinemas calling for the strongest criticism.

But, by a coincidence, police action has since been taken in each case.

We are glad to see these evidences of swift and drastic action on the part of the local authorities concerned, and other municipalities should immediately follow.

At Bowburn, Co. Durham, for instance, one theatre has been closed down; at Sherburn Hill, another has been prohibited from giving juvenile performances until certain alterations are carried out.

An example of municipal vigilance is that shown by Carlisle, where the magistrates have deferred all licence-renewals until February 24, pending a re-examination of safety precautions in all kinemas throughout the town.

Though the present tour was taken amongst the northern towns only, our information is that there are other districts in the Midlands and South where kinema conditions should be cleaned up.

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The Librarian Tells— Stories Outside the BOOK COVERS

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The assistant-librarian sits or stands behind his desk-counter, quiet and efficient. Now and again he has to deal with a query. That is part of his job: to answer questions.

Human nature! The librarian has to know a lot about that. Just book-knowledge won't get him very far.

The librarian is the unofficial father to scores of kiddies. The elementary-school boys are allowed to use the juvenile-library room one afternoon each week, during school-hours.

A very wise provision, this; for learning how to use a library—how to get the most out of a library—is surely worth a place in the school curriculum.

They come swarming in, these eager, shrill-voiced youngsters, and they greet the librarian with boisterous affection—sometimes a trifle too boisterous for his quiet temple of learning.

They all know him; and he is proud of the fact that most of them like him. They come to him for advice regarding their reading.

He encourages them to read, and to read good stuff; but if he wants to retain their confidence, he must avoid the stiff, priggish attitude of frowning on all reading except the strictly utilitarian.

Birth-Controller?

Over on one side, a group of boys are asking each other questions taken from the "Children's Book of Knowledge." They are very keen, and become rather rowdy. A word from their smiling teacher quells the noise.

The youngsters look upon the librarian as a living encyclopædia. Here are some of the questions he is asked during the day—and not only by schoolboys, but also by adults.

Has there ever been a woman Pope? Where can the Birth-Controller be found? (The registrar of births was evidently indicated.)

One little lad wanted to know where the "reverence-room" was; and another, wanting to consult the encyclopædia, asked for "that book about nothing, with everything in it."

The strange things librarians sometimes find in books! One eccentric person used to return books in which raw rashers of bacon were inserted, evidently as book-marks.

And another borrower always used bills—unpaid ones. When the librarian offered to return them to him, he grandly replied that "it was of no importance."

Pity his poor creditors!

The librarian is accustomed to the two extremes of age, for they are commonest in the library.

There is tragedy in the library also. A well-dressed, cheerful, middle-aged man began to frequent the reading-room a year or two ago.

He walked erect, his head high, his gaze alert and cheery. Yet he was reading the "Appointments Vacant" columns in the news-room, sometimes copying an address.

As the months passed his air of self-confidence abated. He began to turn from the "Appointments Vacant" column to the appeals for "agents," for book-peddlers or sellers of vacuum-cleaners, on commission.

Threadbare—bowed

Within eight or nine months his whole appearance changed. His clothes appeared to be more threadbare; his head was now bowed. The light had died from his eyes.

One day he told his story. He had had a good position, with a comfortable salary. But a younger man had displaced him. He was something of a specialist at his job, but there was little call for his particular knowledge.

He owned his house, but now he must sell it and move into rooms. His wife was delicate, and there were three children. What was he to do?

What could the librarian say? How could he help? He could only utter vague words of sympathy. The man was over fifty—he was probably "too old" for another position.

He suddenly stopped going to the library. That was three years ago.

Where is he now? How far has the merciless stream carried him along with it towards defeat and despair? Or did he find a post?

If he had done so he would have gone to the librarian to let him know.

Flame-eyed poet

Yet another tragedy:

He was shabbily dressed; very tall and painfully thin. Undernourished, obviously, and his clothes had the horizontal creasings of one who has "slept out."

His face was unshaven and inflamed, but his forehead was noble, and his eyes were the eyes of a hunted, desperate animal; and yet also they were the eyes of one who can see visions.

His hands were trembling, and he smelt most frightfully of whisky.

In an uncertain, hoarse, but educated voice, he asked for a volume of verse by an almost unknown poet who had never published anything else. It happened the book was on the shelves and the librarian gave it to him.

He turned the pages and stroked the covers of the book, tenderly, almost affectionately. Then he looked away, but his lips continued to move as though he knew the poems by heart.

In a couple of hours he went back to the librarian with the book.

Some change had come over him. He walked more erectly; the hunted look had gone from his eyes; he smiled slightly, and a certain confidence showed in his expression.

"I wrote that book myself," he said casually, yet proudly, as he returned it. And the librarian knew he spoke the truth.

Often again the librarian saw him at intervals of several months. It seemed that, after a drinking bout, he would come to read this book, which would give him fresh hope.

Then he would go straight for a while; and then—again fall. And each time the book was his medicine, the potent tonic which gave him back his self-respect.

He had not kept even one copy as it was out of print.

Did he win?

Then he, also, went no more. Had he failed finally; or had he conquered for good?

The librarian will never know, but his heart went with that tall, emaciated, flame-eyed poet, wrestling manfully with the vice which dogged him.

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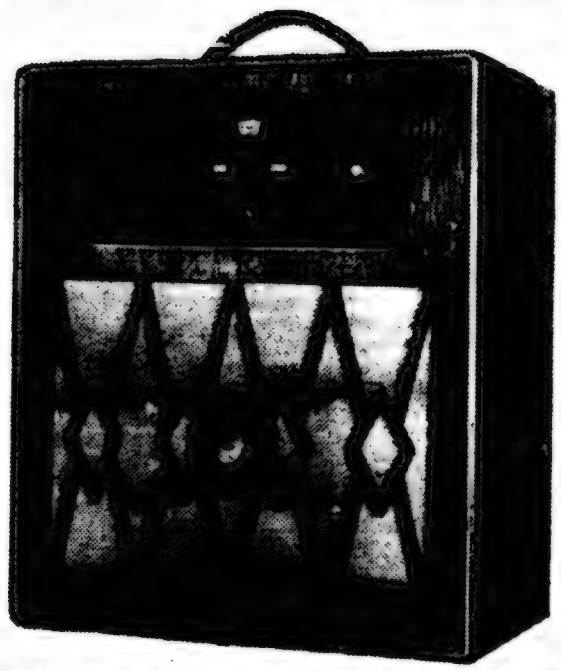

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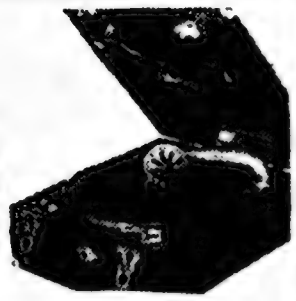

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When our first baby was within a month or two of being born, I had the offer of a really lucrative post in India. It was such a substantial rise in life that we agreed to accept it, and my wife wrote and informed her parents.

Their response was instant. In the friendliest terms they replied with congratulations, declared their willingness to overlook our hasty marriage, and suggested that I should place my wife in their care until baby was born and her new home in India was ready.

Dreading the risk of the journey in her delicate condition, I accepted this offer with alacrity.

Before I had been in India four months, I had a cable informing me that a stillborn baby had arrived, and later another to tell me that my wife was dead.

Inconsolable and out of heart, I decided to stay on in India instead of making any other move.

Later I met a pleasant English girl, who consented to be my wife. That was nine years ago, and now there are two children.

I did not revisit the Mother Country until the spring of last year. Very naturally I visited the cemetery where I had been informed my first wife had been buried.

To my consternation, I could find no trace of the grave and no entry of her interment.

Beyond doubt I had been tricked by her parents, who must have had their own methods of persuading her that I had deserted her and intercepted my letters. She is alive, and so is our son.

Staggered by my discovery, and not knowing what to do to straighten out this awful tangle, I have returned to India, where for nearly a year I have been trying to forget my trouble in work. But the anguish increases.

My first wife was my first love, and my inclination is to return to her and clear up the terrible deception.

But if I do that, what of this woman and her children here in India? I married her in good faith, believing myself free, and have no wish to be entirely separated from her children.

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CAD'S CONSCIENCE

troubles him

WHEN, in my 'teens, my parents died, I went to live with a married cousin.

My cousin was a girl of twenty-two, married to a man ten years older. Both treated me with extreme kindness, and I was very happy.

After a year or two, the husband had an offer of a good colonial appointment that would keep him abroad for three years. Be[illegible] unwilling to break up his home, [illegible] to leave his wife in England to [illegible] things going. "You will be com[illegible] for her" were his smil[illegible] on parting.

It was with no inten[illegible] doing that, as my wages increased, I began to repay a litt[illegible] kindness by occasionally treating her to the pictures.

But these things dra[illegible] we were going out toge[illegible] night, first to pictures, [illegible] and after a little while to dances.

In a few months we were virtually living together as man and wife, and presently a baby boy was born, of which I was the father.

THE thought of the husband's return was ever present and—the truth must be confessed—we rejoiced when the news came that he had died of fever.

A year later my cousin died, and I was left with her child to bring up. I placed him out to nurse, but visit him regularly, and he has also looked upon me as his father. He is now six years old.

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NEWCASTLE UNITED v. Brighton and H
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MANCHESTER CITY v. Hull City
Middlesbrough v. Arsenal.
SUNDERLAND v. Notts Forest.
SHEFFIELD WED. v. Bradford.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—Division I.

BIRMINGHAM v. Liverpool.
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GRIMSBY TOWN v. Manchester United

Division II.

Barnsley v. BURY.
CARDIFF CITY v. Blackpool.
NOTTS COUNTY v. Wolverhampton W
PRESTON NORTH END v. Swansea Town
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Division III. (South).

Coventry City v. Brentford.
Crystal Palace v. Exeter City.
FULHAM v. Luton Town.
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Merthyr Town v. PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
NORWICH CITY v. Southend United.
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Torquay United v. SWINDON TOWN
WALSALL v. Clapton Orient.
WATFORD v. Bristol Rovers.

Division III. (North).

ACCRINGTON STANLEY v. Rochdale
BARROW v. Nelson.
CHESTERFIELD v. Lincoln City.
DARLINGTON v. Rotherham United.
DONCASTER ROVERS v. Tranmere Rovers.
HARTLEPOOLS UNITED v. Halifax Town.
New Brighton v. Crewe Alexandra.
PORT VALE v. Southport.
SOUTH SHIELDS v. Wigan Borough.
STOCKPORT COUNTY v. York City.
WREXHAM v. Carlisle United.

SCOTTISH CUP.—Third Round.

HAMILTON ACAD. v. King's Park.
Partick Thistle v. Aberdeen.
HIBERNIANS v. Hearts.
DUNDEE v. Airdrieonians.
CELTIC v. St. Mirren.
ALBION ROVERS v. Montrose.
FALKIRK v. Leith Athletic.
Motherwell v. Rangers.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Division II.

Arbroath v. East Fife.
ARMADALE v. Clydebank.
BRECHIN CITY v. Stenhousemuir.
DUMBARTON v. East Stirlingshire.
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC v. Montrose.
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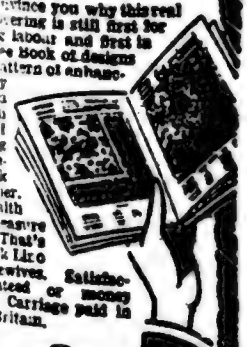

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My Human Story for or against DIVORCE

MY wife has been for years a patient in a mental hospital, without hope of recovery. I have no home, and get badgered about from pillar to post.

I yearn for a home of my own again, with its family ties, but owing to the present divorce laws I am unable to gratify my desires and must go on living a miserable existence.

There are about 150,000 others like me. Is this Christianity?—*Despondent, London, S.W.*

Even Insanity

My first husband was considered hopelessly insane, but just before death he enjoyed a short spell of sanity, and I am thankful I could face him as one who would have refused release even if legally possible.

My experience sets me against divorce for insanity.

A person who seeks release from an innocent partner struck down by Fate's cruellest blow is ignorant of the meaning of love, is beneath contempt, and worthy of no consideration, except as regards subsistence needs in a woman's case.—*Unto Death, N. Wales.*

Ten Years

To-day, in the sweet companionship of a sad-faced woman, I bless the law of divorce.

For ten years I stood by helplessly and watched the devastation of her life and home by an immoral husband.

During those years she strove to forgive his repeated inconstancies, and to portray him to their young son as a loving, honourable father.

Her private income was spent in averting the financial disaster to which his evil living propelled him.

Finally, fearing a mental breakdown, and dreading the corruption of her boy, she sought freedom in divorce.—*Diana, Wales.*

Forgiveness

Six years ago, early in our married life, my wife confessed to a sin considered by most people unforgivable.

My heartfelt misery nearly drove me to a *mésalliance*, and I seriously contemplated divorce.

I decided to seek the advice of "Humanist," with the result that I eventually forgave my wife and resumed our married life.

To-day there is not a better or prouder wife and mother, and with our children we are a happy and united family.—*Thankful, Sheffield.*

Four "Sinners"

We married in 1911, but after two years commenced to drift apart. There was no question of infidelity; we were simply not suited to each other.

Later, in 1914, I joined the Army, and in 1918 was wounded.

While in hospital my wife's letters stopped, and on discharge I found our home had been sold up.

Although I have neither seen nor heard of her since, in the eyes of the law I am still a married man.

After seven lonely years, I met a young woman whose husband deserted her in 1919, and we live happy but, legally, immoral lives.

Are we to blame or the present divorce law?—*G. F., London.*

A Son's Sorrow

My father and mother were divorced when I was a boy of six. By the finding of the court, each parent had the custody of myself for six months at a time.

No sooner was I settled down and happy with one than I was torn away to go to the other.

Divorce had separated them, but it had not lessened their interest in each other, for they each questioned me about the other, and my mother had tears in her eyes when asking about my father.

The memory of my unhappy childhood has made me against divorce for all time.—*J. B., N.B.*

Wasted Lives

Incompatibility of temperament is the strongest evidence possible for the necessity of a divorce.

Neither my husband nor I "sinned" morally, nor were we prepared to do so and disgrace our respective families in order to obtain our freedom.

So we endured misery until my husband's tragic death—knowing, both of us, that the other would probably make some other partner perfectly happy.

What a wicked waste of two lives!—*A. J., Fulham, S.W.*

The Other Woman

I am separated from my husband, after thirty-one years of married life. He proved unfaithful.

I have three children, who are now keeping me, yet the idea of divorce seems cruel to me, while they will in future years look back and think how father and mother were parted.

If there was a law for punishing the other woman when she knew she was stealing another's husband there would be fewer divorces.—*F. B., Berks.*

The Man Pays

In September, 1924, I left England for foreign service. I returned in December, 1926, to find an addition to the family by a man who posed as my wife's husband. I freely forgave, thus condoning, and resumed relations.

In May, 1927, my wife eloped, leaving two boys, six and three respectively.

With home smashed, savings gone and bad debts, I returned to civilian life to make a fresh start for the children.

My wife and illegitimate child were both falsely registered. Registrar-General and police were informed, but no action was taken. Had this been me, what a difference!

The woman always pays! "I don't think."—*Ex-Service, S. Devon*

Ran Away

A girl of sixteen, forced by her mother to marry a man of forty, ran away on the evening of her wedding-day. She went into service for some years.

During the war she fell in love with a man who thinks the world of her. They have three bonnie children, yet they cannot marry because the husband's religion forbids divorce.

Surely the woman should be freed and allowed to marry the father of her children.—*F. A. K., Essex.*

Too Easy

A woman obtained a divorce in respect of her husband's only lapse, and was given the custody of the three children.

They loved their father, and missed him terribly as they grew up.

One of them once told me his mother had robbed him of both a home and a father, the former not being possible without the latter.

This woman obtained a divorce too easily.—*P. A. B., Hayes.*

Daughter's Relief

My father left my mother when I was eleven years of age, and two years later mother got a divorce.

If I were asked to state the happiest recollection of my childhood, I should say it was just after my parents parted.

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Divorce cases don't wreck children's nervous systems, but quarrelsome, unhappy homes undoubtedly do.—*E. W., London.*

Go Slow

A man, with four children, got entangled with a woman, and was compelled to pay towards two children by her.

His wife, backed by [illegible], secured a divorce, and is now living with him, unmarried. He is [illegible] in a similar plight with [illegible] love."

But the four little ones [illegible] ten, are neglected, unloved, unwanted. For the sake of [illegible] let us go slow with [illegible]—*Mrs. G., Lancs.*

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Tangles

A couple should use the [illegible] which brought them together to keep them together.—*H. W. G., [illegible]*

Why should a respectable working woman be tied to a liar, or deserted for a [illegible]—*Paisley.*

If men or women fail to [illegible] mates happy and content[illegible] tainly should not have an [illegible]—*L. D., Burton.*

The law decreeing that a [illegible] shall remain tied to an insane [illegible] have been made by a lunatic.—*S. S., Herne Bay.*

We ought to abide by our [illegible] promise, "For better or worse." Otherwise, why a marriage at all?—*E. D., Angus.*

Divorce is the necessary antidote to the poison of unwise marriage.—*A. B., W. Ealing.*

Abolish the divorce courts, and establish schools of eugenics and morality instead.—*C. Musgrove, Worcester.*

Divorce should be a matter of circumstances competently judged—not of creeds.—*C. S., London.*

No human power should be able to dissolve the bond of marriage.—*E. Kerr, Airdrie.*

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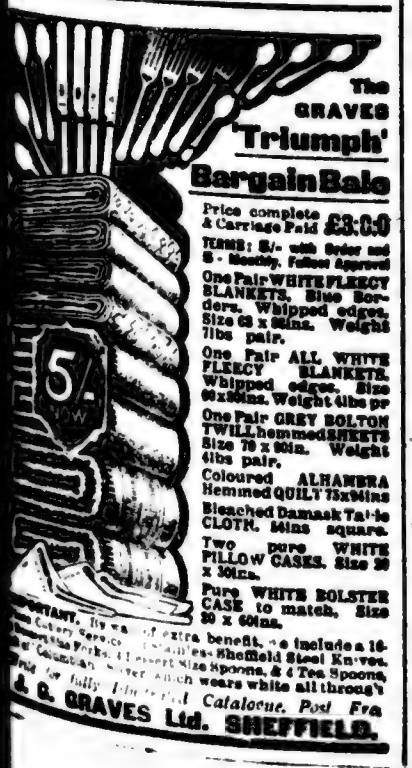

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Result of Crossword No. 48 appears on Page 33.

JOHN BULL will [illegible] correct solution [illegible] of JOHN BULL Crossword No. [illegible] appearing below. Failing correct solution the prize will be awarded to the sender whose entry is the nearest correct solution. Any additional [illegible] will be divided between the competitors whose solutions contain one error only, or next one error more than the winning solution. Every reader has an equal opportunity to compete, a competitor may send in more than one sixpenny double entry, entry fee SIXPENCE for TWO attempts. No claims [illegible] No entries accepted after Thursday (noon), February 20th.

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Clues Across.

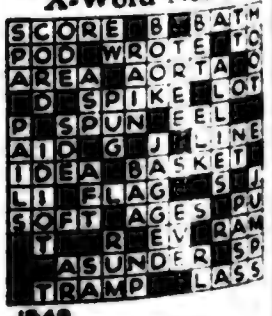
1. Run away.
5. Seen in battle.
9. Anoint with oil.
11. Befall.
13. Approached.
14. Space.
15. The East.
17. Prophets.
20. Produce music.
21. Open the safe.
23. Sober.
25. Personal pronoun
27. Ten-pound note.
28. To clear.
30. Crude mineral.
31. Liquor.
32. Bather's Saturday night treat.
34. Period of time.
36. To unite in a mass.
37. A nigger.
38. A sofa.
39. Fall heavily.

Clues Down.

1. Randy does [illegible] "suspense."
2. Single item.
3. Sometimes granted.
4. By-product of coal.
6. Worry housewife.
7. Taken on rental.
8. Cat is fond of.
10. Part of a big telescope.
12. Lairs.
13. Be obedient.
16. A beam.
18. Go in.
19. Storm brings to farmers.
22. Brings brightness.
23. Seen in a builder's yard.
24. To deceive.
26. Cereal.
29. Bond of union.
29. Lawful.
32. Drinking vessel.
33. A score at cricket.
35. Australian bird.

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary were used in compiling this puzzle.

Solution of 'John Bull' X-Word No. 49.



JB 49.

Result will be [illegible] published next week. The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 49 is [illegible] here with as matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

When you have completed this Crossword try a "Happy X-Word" in "The Passing Show." Friday, 28th. £100 First Prize, £25 for runner-up. THREE attempts for your 6d.

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THE EDITOR REPLIES

Father (Torquay).—"Why is it that some children scarcely out of the kindergarten learn to use bad language?" Well, after A B C comes D——!

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

M. A. (Boston).—"I am learning the saxophone at 64." We sympathise with those who live at Nos. 62 and 66.

N. J. (Keighley).—"In the average British family there are 4.1 persons." The .1 is usually referred to as "father."

F. J. (Richmond).—"I take things quietly." Including soup, we hope.

C. N. (Notting Hill).—"Do you know how many cats there are in London alone?" What worries us is the number of cats in the garden at night who are obviously not alone.

A. Y. (Southend).—"He increased the speed of sixty miles an hour and I fancied I heard the engine knocking." It may have been your heart.

R. E. (Walsall).—"I always get someone to have a box with me when I am feeling blue." You evidently prefer being black and blue.

G. J. (Yarmouth).—"What is the first thing to do when learning to drive a car?" Enlarge the garage door.

C. G. (Epsom).—"My baby boy threw a poem of mine into the fire." Can he read already?

C. T. (Jarrow).—"He married a film actress and now he regrets it." Is she a 100 per cent. talkie?

J. V. (Bury).—"When I wrote that article I didn't think for a moment—" No, that was just the trouble.

H. K. (Swindon).—"There is one word that is generally pronounced incorrectly." Yes, incorrectly.

A. H. (Radlett).—"Seeing is believing." Not always. Most wives see their husbands every day.

E. J. (Carlisle).—"The ice-rinks are fairly ousting the dance-halls just now." Freezing them out, so to speak.

G. B. (Coventry).—"Worry never takes you any further." No. To-day is the to-morrow you were worrying about yesterday.

L. N. (Bloomsbury).—"He has just had his hair Marcelled." Probably the nearest approach to a brain-wave he'll ever have.

C. T. (Barton).—"I enclose a photograph of my car which was a present to me." You appear to have been robbed.

Mrs. M. (Perth).—"Some laundries use all sorts of scientific devices." Others consider it easier to remove the buttons by hand.

G. K. (Edgware).—"He was found wandering about the golf-course at two in the morning." We can guess his nationality and also that he had lost his ball.

L. B. (Manchester).—"I have a very tough beard, and an ordinary razor is useless to me." What do you do, then? Go once round with a blow-lamp?

E. G. (Elstree).—"I have bought one of the old-fashioned mousetraps. Could you tell me how to use it?" Oh, cheese it.

R. H. (Lymington).—"Some scientists say that people should live to be 150 years old." But not some people.

D. S. (Hull).—"I have invented an epoch-making machine." Let us see some of the epochs it has made.

S. A. (Hertford).—"I always forget to post my wife's letters." But not your own, unfortunately!

MAC (Finsbury Park).—"I took ten children to see the circus." Piccadilly or Oxford?

P. S. (Fleetwood).—"Motor-cars are said to be almost as deadly as war." But they don't make you salute all day and scratch all night.

T. D. (Manchester).—"In spite of all our difficulties we still have plenty of gold left." Whom do you mean by "we"?

H. T. (Kennington).—"I run to work every day behind a tram and so save fourpence." Why don't you run behind a taxi and so save four shillings.

T. M. (Clapham).—"What is the difference between a man and a woman buying a hat?" Certainly not less than six hours.

P. N. (Enfield).—"The latest type of motor-horn makes a noise like a cuckoo." This is wasteful. Ample warning could be made by the sound "cuck." The pedestrian would "oo."

G. J. (Burnt Oak).—"The proper way to treat a headache is to remove the cause." As far as we know the only guillotine is at Madame Tussaud's.

L. F. (Birmingham).—"America is manufacturing saxophones at the rate of more than 2,000 a day." They ought to be included in the limitation of armaments scheme.

L. H. (Burnt Oak).—"The horse I backed was scratched." How irritating!

MINER (Wigan).—"What is the B.B.C.?" A Boon for Bored Couples.

K. D. (Warwick).—"My wife recently gave a two-hours' lecture." Did you promise to use an ash-tray in future?

T. S. (Harrow).—"Sometimes I yearn for the peace and comfort of married life." Married men always do.

M. B. (Chelsea).—"I tossed up whether I should send the enclosed sonnet to you or *Punch*, and you won." No, old chap. We lost.

R. C. (Chelsea).—"It is said that bagpipe players are long lived." There's a strict law against shooting bagpipe players.

G. L. (Epsom).—"The crust of the earth is 2,000 miles thick." We know! You've been doing some digging in the garden.

G. N. (Iver).—"Among her wedding presents were a pair of flat-irons and a rolling-pin." We'll wager the bridegroom looked thoughtful.

F. J. (Victoria).—"Some plays I have seen recently are very dull." But in the dullest of plays there are refreshing intervals.

P. O. (Cardiff).—"No one knows the anguish a heartbroken woman suffers." That is, no one outside of hearing distance.

S. P. (London, W.).—"Why do people scratch themselves?" Because they are the only ones who know where they want it.

D. W. (Walsall).—"There is some co-operation between wild animals." The stork and the wolf, for example, seem to work in the same neighbourhood.

H. P. (Burnley).—"Does the gas-meter measure the exact quantity of gas used?" No, the quantity you have to pay for.

D. B. (Mortlake).—"The man who always wants to borrow money is a nuisance." And so is the man who never has any to lend.

M. R. (Gloucester).—"I always wonder what my wife will say when I get home." When you've been married long enough, you'll know beforehand.

R. T. (Stockwell).—"Squadron Leader Orlebar, the famous airman, is said to be one of the best croquet players in England." We knew there was a wild streak in him somewhere.

T. N. (Cambridge).—"I met my wife in a very funny way—I ran over her in my car and later married her." If everybody had to do that there wouldn't be so much reckless driving.

G. G. S. (Macclesfield).—"If I don't get work soon I'll join the Army." There's some well-paid work awaiting you in the *Bullets* ranks this week. Page 39 may bring you £600 for a few minutes' service.

R. P. (Leith).—"The coal I use makes a terrible crackling and spluttering before its burns up." The coal we use merely makes a terrible crackling and spluttering.

J. B. S. (Birmingham).—"A professional contortionist once told me that he had been born without a memory." No wonder he was always tying himself in knots.

B. A. (Dorchester).—"It is reported that the Russians have recently bombarded the Chinese with cabbages." Possibly the Moscow commissars have lost their heads again.

P. N. (Buxton).—"I started this year in debt." One Nine Three Owe.

OLD TIMER (Leeds).—"I can remember the time when boys first began to part their hair in the middle." And is the parting about five inches wide now?

E. W. (Forest Hill).—"Not every modern child is tied to his mother's apron-strings." And if he is, he is not tied to his mother.

D. B. (Hammersmith).—"At last faster trains are being run to Scotland." But faster trains from there would be more appreciated.

T. C. (Newbury).—"Do publishers ever see struggling authors?" If they succeed in struggling past the doorkeeper.

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(Many replies unavoidably held over)

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To make a *Bullet*, simply add TWO, THREE or FOUR WORDS of apt and original comment to any of the *Examples* given here.

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Bullet — Parliament Dabbling — Ours Doubling.

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(Closing Saturday, March 1.)

Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 749

STRONG GOVERNMENT
PASSING UNNOTICED
NEVER BEFORE
CAN'T SEE THE JOKE
HER HEART WAS BREAKING BUT
LITTLE
WHEN THE ROW WAS OVER
CALL OF HOME
AMUSES ME
HE HESITATED AND
TOO FAR AWAY

"PARDON ME!"
BOTH
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF
TRYING
FILM DETECTIVE
LEAVING AGE
CONGRATULATING HER
WON BY WAITING
IN DIFFICULTIES
EXPENSIVE HOBBY
RELIEF FOR THE TAXPAYER

A DULL DOG
WARNING US
THOUGHTLESS GIRL
SUDDEN CHANGE
FULL OF POSSIBILITIES
MR. NOSEY PARKER
UNCIVILISED
WHAT THE PAWNBROKER SAID
PAST
BABY'S ASLEEP, SO

Example _____ Bullet _____ Example _____ Bullet _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 22

(749) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
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Example _____ Bullet _____ Example _____ Bullet _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 22

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Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Bullet _____ Example _____ Bullet _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 22

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